



Word List

Study the definitions of the words. Then do the exercises that follow.

abundant *adj.* More than enough; plentiful.
 ə bun' dənt If good weather continues, farmers can expect an **abundant** harvest.

abundance *n.* A great amount.
 Natural gas supplies an **abundance** of power to the entire country.

arid *adj.* Having little or no rainfall; very dry.
 ār' id Much of North Africa is **arid** land.

distinct *adj.* 1. Not the same; different or separate.
 di stɪŋkt' Apples come in over two thousand **distinct** varieties.
 2. Unmistakable; definite.
 Chili peppers add a **distinct** flavor to this dish.

graze *v.* 1. To feed on growing grass.
 grāz A small herd of cows **grazed** in the meadow.
 2. To touch lightly in passing.
 The snowball **grazed** my cheek but didn't hurt me.

hectic *adj.* Full of feverish activity, haste, or confusion.
 hek' tɪk After a **hectic** week of sightseeing, the tourists were glad to go home and relax.

horde *n.* A large group or crowd, especially one on the move.
 hɔrd **Hordes** of swimmers head for the pool in summer.

humid *adj.* Having a large amount of water or moisture in the air.
 hyūō' mɪd Residents escape the hot, **humid** weather by going inside where it is cool and dry.

humidity *n.* (hyūō mɪd' ə tē) The amount of moisture in the air.
 The **humidity** was so high that the slightest activity made us sweat.

incredible *adj.* Hard or impossible to believe.
 ɪn kred' ə bəl It seems **incredible** that no one was injured in such a bad accident.

inhabit *v.* To live in or on.
 ɪn həb' ɪt Millions of bison once **inhabited** the great plains of America.
inhabitant *n.* (ɪn həb' ɪ tənt) A person or animal that lives in a certain place.
 Most of the **inhabitants** of California were born somewhere else.

peninsula *n.* A piece of land, connected to a larger land mass, that juts out and is almost completely surrounded by water.
pə nin' sə lə
Bays along the Baja **peninsula** provide shelter for several kinds of whales.

rural *adj.* Of or relating to the country and the people who live there.
roor' əl
The villagers believe that a shopping mall has no place in a **rural** area.

sanctuary *n.* 1. A place of safety or shelter.
səŋk' chōō er ē
The temple was a **sanctuary** to those who were being persecuted.
2. Protection offered by such a place.
The shelter offers **sanctuary** to women fleeing violence in the home.

splendor *n.* Magnificence; brilliance of appearance.
splen' dər
The **splendor** of the palace at Versailles took our breath away.
splendid *adj.* Very impressive; magnificent.
The exhibition of American sculpture includes several **splendid** statues by Harriet Hosmer.

squalor *n.* Filth; misery.
skwä' lər
People lived in **squalor** after their homes were destroyed by the hurricane.
squalid *adj.* Dirty and unfit for living, especially as a result of neglect.
The newly arrived immigrants worked long hours in **squalid** conditions for very low wages.

terrain *n.* 1. An area of land; a region.
tə rān'
After hiking for several days we knew the **terrain** quite well.
2. The surface features of a region.
The mountainous **terrain** of western Colorado attracts skiers from all parts of the country.

3A

Finding Meanings

Choose two phrases to form a sentence that correctly uses a word from Word List 3. Write each sentence on the line provided.

1. (a) Squalid areas are those
(b) with little rainfall.

- (c) Rural areas are those
(d) away from large cities.
