



## Word List

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

**acquire**  
ə kwīr'v. To gain ownership of something; to get by one's own efforts or actions.  
Most tourists **acquire** souvenirs from the places they visit.**acquisition** n. (ak wə zish' ən) Something that is acquired.  
We left the store with our shopping bags filled with our **acquisitions**.**antagonize**  
an tag' ə nīzv. To make an enemy of; to stir up anger or dislike.  
You will **antagonize** your classmates if you make derogatory comments about them.**competent**  
kəm' pə tənt*adj.* Having the ability to do what is needed.  
The mechanic is **competent** to work on the car's brakes.**competence** n. The ability to do what is needed.  
This examination tests the student's **competence** to drive safely.**comprise**  
kəm prīz'v. 1. To form; to make up.  
Six states **comprise** New England.2. To consist of or include.  
A baseball team **comprises** nine players.**correspond**  
kôr ə spænd'v. 1. To match; to be equal to.  
The two handwriting samples **correspond** in every way.2. To exchange letters with another person.  
Although the friends hadn't seen each other for several years, they **corresponded** regularly.**correspondence** n. The act of exchanging letters; the letters that are exchanged.  
The **correspondence** of famous people is often published after their death.**dilapidated**  
di lap' ə dāt əd*adj.* In poor condition from neglect or age.  
The shed was so **dilapidated** that it wasn't worth repairing.**illustrious**  
il lus' trē əs*adj.* Very famous; outstanding.  
V. S. Naipaul, the **illustrious** West Indian writer, received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2001.**incident**  
in' sə dəntn. Something that happens in real life or in a story; an event, often of little importance.  
My car was struck from behind, but I thought no more about the **incident** until my neck began to hurt.

<p><b>inherit</b> in her' it</p> <p>v. 1. To receive something from someone after that person's death. I <b>inherited</b> this house from my grandparents. 2. To receive, as part of one's physical or mental make-up, from one's parents. The baby <b>inherited</b> his mother's red hair.</p>	<p><b>latitude</b> lat' e too'd</p> <p>n. 1. The distance north or south of the equator, measured in degrees. The <b>latitude</b> of New Orleans is 30 degrees north. 2. A region as marked by its distance from the equator. Tropical plants cannot survive in northern <b>latitudes</b>. 3. Freedom from strict rules. Students in high school are allowed some <b>latitude</b> in choosing their courses.</p>	<p><b>loath</b> loth</p> <p>adj. Unwilling; reluctant. I was <b>loath</b> to put my trust in such a devious person.</p>	<p><b>maintain</b> man' tan'</p> <p>v. 1. To declare something to be true. Although the evidence against her is strong, she continues to <b>maintain</b> her innocence. 2. To continue in the same way or condition. The walkers try to <b>maintain</b> an even pace as they exercise. 3. To keep in good condition. The state of New York <b>maintains</b> this highway.</p>	<p><b>renovate</b> ren' e vat</p> <p>v. To make like new again. We intend to <b>renovate</b> the apartment completely before we move in. <b>renovation</b> n. (ren e va' shan) The act of renovating; the thing renovated. A group of concerned parents was responsible for the <b>renovation</b> of the playground.</p>	<p><b>reprimand</b> rep' re mand</p> <p>v. To scold in a harsh or formal manner. The manager <b>reprimanded</b> us for being late for work. n. A strong scolding from someone in authority. The teacher gave us a <b>reprimand</b> for being absent without permission.</p>	<p><b>supervise</b> suo' per viz</p> <p>v. To direct or manage activities. Ms. Agostino will <b>supervise</b> the students in the study hall. <b>supervision</b> n. (soo' per vizh' an) The act of managing or directing. A lack of proper <b>supervision</b> resulted in yesterday's accident at the playground. <b>supervisor</b> n. A person who manages or directs activities. The <b>supervisor</b> reminded the worker to wear a hardhat at the construction site.</p>
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