

**Chapter Thirteen**

- curtail** -to cut short or reduce  
(kər-tāl') Upon hearing the reports of a tornado, the principal **curtailed** the school day so students could go home early.
- devastate** -to upset deeply; overwhelm  
(dēv' əs-tāt') Learning that their son had been arrested for armed robbery **devastated** the Huttons.
- digress** -to turn aside, or stray, especially from the main topic in speaking or writing  
(dī-grēs') Professor Rubin never **digresses** during a lecture. Even his jokes relate to the day's topic.
- incentive** -something that moves one to take action or work harder  
(ɪn' sən' tīv) The insurance company offers an **incentive** –a free vacation – to encourage its representatives to make more sales.
- incorporate** -to unite into a single whole; combine  
(ɪn-kôr' pər-āt') Jerry **incorporated** all of his favorite desserts into one: a chocolate-covered banana-cream pecan pie.
- indispensable** -necessary  
(ɪn-dī-spən' sə-bəl) Since there's no bus or train service nearby, a car is **indispensable** in my neighborhood.
- intermittent** -starting and stopping from time to time; off-and-on  
(ɪn' tər-mīt ' ənt) You have to work steadily with your dog to train him well. **Intermittent** practice won't work.
- rigor** -great hardship or difficulty; harshness; severity  
(rīg' ər) The **rigor** of working at two part-time jobs while going to school proved too much for Joseph.
- squander** -to waste; spend or use foolishly  
(skwɔn ' dər) It's sad to see such a wonderful artist **squander** her talent designing labels for baked-bean cans.
- succumb** -to give in; stop resisting  
(sə-kūm') Leah **succumbed** to her daughter's begging and bought her a pet lizard for her birthday.

**Chapter Fourteen**

- alleviate** -to relieve; make easier to endure  
(ə-lē' vē-āt') To **alleviate** his loneliness, the widower moved closer to his daughter and her family.
- benefactor** -a person or organization that gives help, especially financial aid  
(bēn' ə-fāk ' tər) The wealthy **benefactor** who paid for the child's operation prefers to remain anonymous.
- covert** -secret; hidden  
(kūv' ɔrt) If you enjoy **covert** activities, become a CIA or FBI agent.
- cynic** -a person who believes the worst of people's behavior and motives; someone who believes people are motivated only by selfishness  
(sīn' ĩk) Her parents' nasty divorce had made Libby a **cynic** about marriage.
- demise** -death  
(dī-mīz') During my years in grade school and high school, the untimely **demise** of several of my classmates made me very aware of my mortality.

<b>infamous</b> (ɪn' fə-məs)	-having a very bad reputation; widely known for being vicious, criminal, or deserving of contempt King Henry VIII of England was <b>infamous</b> throughout Europe for executing two of his six wives.
<b>intrinsic</b> (ɪn-trɪn' sɪk)	-belonging to a person or thing by its very nature (and thus not dependent on circumstances) Trust is <b>intrinsic</b> to any good friendship.
<b>revulsion</b> (rɪ-vūl' shən)	-great disgust or distaste Whenever I read about child abuse in the newspapers, I am filled with such <b>revulsion</b> that I often cannot finish the article.
<b>speculate</b> (spɛk' yə-lāt')	-to come up with ideas or theories about a subject; theorize It's interesting to <b>speculate</b> how history might have been different if Abraham Lincoln had lived a few years longer.
<b>virile</b> (vɪr' əl)	-manly; masculine When a male heron stamps his feet and sticks his neck out, and then drops his head and says “plop-buzz,” the female hinds him very <b>virile</b> . In fact, that behavior is how the male attracts a mate.

### **Chapter Fifteen**

<b>abstain</b> (əb-stān')	-to hold oneself back from something; refrain My sister called off her engagement to Clayton because he wouldn't <b>abstain</b> from dating other women.
<b>affiliate</b> (ə-fīl' ē-āf')	-to associate; join Diane is neither a Democrat nor a Republican. She isn't <b>affiliated</b> with any political party.
<b>agnostic</b> (əb-nōs' tɪk)	-a person who believes we cannot know whether or not there is a God Iris believes there is a God, and Marcia feels sure there isn't. Jean, an <b>agnostic</b> , feels that we can't be certain one way or the other.
<b>aspire</b> (ə-spɪr')	-to strongly desire; to be ambitious (to do something or to get something) Twelve-year-old Derek, who loves drawing, <b>aspires</b> to be a great architect.
<b>benevolent</b> (bə-nɛv' ə-lənt)	-charitable People are more <b>benevolent</b> when they get tax deductions for their donations.
<b>deficit</b> (dɛf' ə-sɪt)	-a shortage; a lack (in amount) Our club had spent so much more than it had taken in that it now has a huge budget <b>deficit</b> .
<b>dissent</b> (dɪ-sɛnt')	-disagreement The committee was so torn by the <b>dissent</b> that its members could not agree even on whether or not to schedule another meeting.
<b>diversion</b> (dɪ-vûr' zhən)	-an amusement or pastime; anything that relaxes or amuses My history teacher says that one of her favorite <b>diversions</b> during summer vacation is reading mystery novels.
<b>lucrative</b> (lūō' krə-tɪv)	-profitable; well-being Investments in the stock market can be <b>lucrative</b> ; however, they can also result in great financial loss.
<b>mandatory</b> (mān' də-tôr' ē)	-required Members of the basketball team have to follow strict rules. For example, it's <b>mandatory</b> that each player attends at least 80 percent of the practices.

## Chapter Sixteen

- charisma** -the quality of a leader which captures great popular devotion; personal magnetism; charm  
(kə-řiz' mə) Jason had such **charisma** that when he ran for class president, every person in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade voted for him.
- contemporary** -modern; up-to-date  
(kən-tēm' pə-rēr' ē) Beth likes **contemporary** furniture, but her husband prefers antiques.
- contend** -to state to be so; claim; affirm  
(kən-tënd') Scientists **contend** that no two snowflakes are identical, but how could they possibly prove it?
- conversely** -in an opposite manner; in an altogether different way  
(kən-vûrs' lē) Ron, who is basically bored by food, eats in order to live. **Conversely**, Nate loves food so much that he seems to live in order to eat.
- extrovert** -an outgoing, sociable person  
(ĕk' strə-vûrt') Surprisingly, not all performers are **extroverts**. Offstage, many are quiet and shy.
- poignant** -emotionally moving; touching  
(poin' yənt) The service honoring American soldiers missing in action was touching. A speech by a friend of one of the soldiers was particularly **poignant**.
- prevalent** -widespread; common  
(prēv' ə-lənt) Unemployment was **prevalent** during America's Great Depression. By 1932, over twelve million people were out of work.
- proponent** -someone who supports a cause  
(prō-pō' nənt) I voted for Senator Williams, a **proponent** of improved services for the elderly, because I feel that many older people need greater assistance.
- quest** -a search; pursuit  
(kwĕst) During Carlo's **quest** for the perfect pizza, he sampled the cheese pizza at twenty-seven different restaurants.
- traumatic** -causing painful emotions, with possible long-lasting psychological effects  
(trō-măt' ĭk) Divorce can be less **traumatic** for children if their fears and feelings are taken into account as the divorce takes place.

## Chapter Seventeen

- congenial** -agreeable or pleasant in character; friendly  
(kən-jĕn' yəl) I was nervous being at a party where I didn't know anyone, but the other guests were so **congenial** that I soon felt at ease.
- flippant** -disrespectful and not serious enough  
(flĭp' ənt) When a teenage boy is asked to clean his room, he's likely to give a **flippant** response such as "Why should I? I just cleaned it last month."
- impasse** -a situation with no way out; dead end  
(ĭm' pās) If you think you've reached an **impasse** when trying to solve a problem, take a break. The solution may come to mind while you're doing something else.
- perception** -insight or understanding gained through observation  
(pər-sĕp' shən) Brenda's **perceptions** of others are usually accurate. She is a good judge of character.

<b>prompt</b> (prŏmpt)	-to urge into action To <b>prompt</b> her son to get a job, Mrs. Davis pinned the want ads to his pillow.
<b>prone</b> (prŏn)	-having a tendency; inclined Mr. Walker is <b>prone</b> to sleep problems, so hi limited his intake of caffeine.
<b>rapport</b> (ră-pŏr')	-relationship, especially one that is close, trusting, or sympathetic In high school, I had such a good <b>rapport</b> with my English teacher that our close relationship continues to this day.
<b>rationale</b> (răsh' ə-năl')	-the underlying reasons for something; logical basis Danielle's <b>rationale</b> for majoring in business was simple. She said, "I want to make a lot of money."
<b>relentless</b> (rĭ-lĕnt' lĭs)	-persistent; continuous The dog's <b>relentless</b> barking got on my nerves. He barked the entire two hours his owners were out.
<b>reprisal</b> (rĭ-prĭ' zəl)	-the paying back of one injury or bad deed with another In <b>reprisal</b> for being fired, a troubled man shot several people at the factory where he used to work.

## **Chapter 18**

### **Prefix / Suffix / Base Word**

### **Meaning**

### **Words**

con-	-together, with	congregation	conductor
dict	-speak	dictator	contradict
dis-	-opposite of	displease	disappear
micro-	-small	microphone	microbiology
ped	-foot	bipeds	pedicure
script, scrib	-write	manuscript	describe
-ship	-quality, state or condition	citizenship	championship
tele-	-far	telephoto	telephone
trans-	-change, beyond	transfer	translate
tri-	-three	triplets	trio