### Word List

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

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<th>Word</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<td>abolish</td>
<td>v. To bring to an end; to do away with. Most people would support a plan to abolish weapons of mass destruction.</td>
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<td>agony</td>
<td>n. Great pain of mind or body; suffering. The pinched nerve caused him agony for several weeks. <strong>agonizing</strong> adj. (agˈə niz in) Very painful. Watching their sick child in the hospital bed was agonizing to the parents.</td>
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<td>catapult</td>
<td>n. A machine used in ancient wars that threw objects with great force. Roman catapults could throw six-pound objects almost a third of a mile. v. To move or be moved suddenly and with great force, as if by a catapult. The Groaners' latest song catapulted them to the top of the country music charts.</td>
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<td>character</td>
<td>n. 1. The qualities that make a person or place different or special. Your friend's support during your long illness demonstrates her true character. 2. A person in a story, movie, or play. Madame Defarge and Sydney Carton are the two characters I remember most clearly from <em>A Tale of Two Cities</em>. 3. A letter or symbol used in writing or printing. The license plate number NKT605 contains six characters.</td>
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<td>denounce</td>
<td>v. 1. To speak out against something; to criticize. The president denounced Congress for failing to approve the budget. 2. To accuse someone of doing wrong. Carla denounced Victor, who sat next to her, for cheating on the test.</td>
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<td>escalate</td>
<td>v. To go up or increase in size or scope. If house prices continue to escalate, many people will be unable to afford to buy a home.</td>
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**grim**  *adj.* 1. Cruel; fierce.  
There were many grim battles during the Civil War.  
2. Unfriendly or threatening; stern.  
The coach's grim face expressed his displeasure at our team's poor performance.  
3. Unpleasant; disturbing.  
We heard the grim news that no one had survived the plane crash.

**harbor**  *n.*  A protected place along a seacoast where ships can find shelter.  
In the summer the harbor is busy with sailboats going in and out.  
*v.* 1. To give shelter to; to take care of by hiding.  
In most states, it is a crime to harbor someone wanted by the police.  
2. To hold and nourish a thought or feeling in the mind.  
Try not to harbor anger against the person who stole your bike.

**inflict**  *v.*  To cause something painful to be felt.  
The hurricane inflicted severe damage on coastal areas.

**loathe**  *v.*  To hate or dislike greatly.  
Mahatma Gandhi, the great Indian leader, loathed violence.  
**loathing**  *n.*  A feeling of hatred.  
Their loathing of cruelty to animals led them to set up a shelter for unwanted pets.

**meddle**  *v.*  To involve oneself in other people's affairs without being asked.  
When my grandparents retired, they could have meddled in my parents' lives, but they didn't.  
**meddlesome**  *adj.*  Given to taking part in others' affairs without being asked.  
If you think I am being meddlesome, just tell me to mind my own business.

**monstrous**  *adj.* 1. Causing shock; horrible; wicked.  
Hitler's monstrous plan to murder the Jews of Europe was carried out in concentration camps in Germany and Poland.  
2. Extremely large.  
A monstrous statue of the Soviet leader Joseph Stalin, three times life-size, stood in the town square.

**rouse**  *v.* 1. To awaken, to wake up.  
The children were sleeping so soundly that it was difficult to rouse them.  
2. To stir up; to excite.  
Martin Luther King, Jr., roused the American people with his 1963 speech at the Lincoln Memorial, in Washington, D.C.
Rigo and Moni remained steadfast friends throughout their school years.

The Little Prince, which was written in French, was translated into English by Katherine Woods.

6A Finding Meanings

Choose two phrases to form a sentence that correctly uses a word from Word List 6. Write each sentence in the space provided.

1. (a) involve oneself in the affairs of others. (c) To translate is to
   (b) hold certain thoughts in the mind. (d) To meddle is to

2. (a) A harbor is something that (c) hurls objects with great force.
   (b) is expressed in another language. (d) A catapult is something that

3. (a) feels resentment against others. (c) A monstrous person is one who
   (b) is not easily changed by others. (d) A steadfast person is one who

4. (a) To loathe something is to (c) express it in a different language.
   (b) To translate something is to (d) present it for the first time.
5. (a) one that is very wicked.  
(b) An agonizing decision is  
(c) one that keeps getting put off.  
(d) A monstrous decision is

6. (a) a protected place for boats.  
(b) anything that shocks or horrifies.  
(c) A harbor is  
(d) A character is

7. (a) To rouse someone is to  
(b) say that person's name out loud.  
(c) wake up that person.  
(d) To denounce someone is to

8. (a) a person's special qualities.  
(b) Character is  
(c) deliberate rudeness.  
(d) Agony is

9. (a) find its causes.  
(b) To denounce a quarrel is to  
(c) say that it is wrong.  
(d) To escalate a quarrel is to

10. (a) To loathe something is to  
(b) have an understanding of it.  
(c) To abolish something is to  
(d) feel hatred for it.
Write the synonym of each of the words on the left in the space next to it. Choose from the words on the right, which are in a different order.

1. conquer ___________________________ remove
2. sever _______________________________ hatred
3. obscure ____________________________ correct
4. extract ______________________________ stern
5. accurate ______________________________ short
6. steadfast ______________________________ defeat
7. loathing ______________________________ weak
8. grim ________________________________ cut
9. terse ________________________________ loyal
10. puny ________________________________ unclear