## **6 • Lesson 5 Word List**

[**antic**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/antic?s=t)

(n) (usually plural) A playful or funny act.  
*The* ***antics*** *of the clown made the crowd roar with laughter.*

[**attire**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/attire?s=t)

(n) Clothes, especially fine and expensive clothes.  
*One often needs special* ***attire*** *to be in a wedding party.*

(v) To dress up or be dressed up.  
*The designer* ***attired*** *the models in shirts and trousers for the fashion show.*

[**captivate**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/captivate?s=t)

(v) To please greatly; to win over by special charm.  
*The cast’s superb acting* ***captivated*** *the audience.*

[**deft**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/deft?s=t)

(adj) Quick and sure; skillful at handling.  
*A* ***deft*** *juggler can keep five or more objects in the air at one time.*

[**diligent**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/diligent?s=ts)

(adj) Working with great care and effort.  
***Diligent*** *students succeed in reaching their goals.*

[**eclipse**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/eclipse?s=t)

(n) The total or partial hiding of one heavenly body by another.  
*An* ***eclipse*** *of the sun occurs when the moon passes directly in front of it.*

(v) To do or be better than; to outshine.  
*Her latest novel* ***eclipses*** *all her previous work.*

[**evolve\***](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/evolve?s=t)

(v) To develop and change gradually over time.  
*Scientists think that modern birds may have* ***evolved*** *from dinosaurs.*

**evolution** (n) The changes that take place as something evolves.  
*The* ***evolution*** *of aircraft from the Wright brothers’ flimsy plane to the modern jet airplane occurred over an incredibly short time.*

[**innate**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/innate?s=t)

(adj) Having from birth; occurring naturally rather than being learned.  
*The singer’s* ***innate*** *musical ability showed itself at a very early age.*

[**inscribe**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/inscribe?s=t)

(v) To write, print, or etch into as a permanent record.  
*Most of the gravestones were simply* ***inscribed*** *with the person’s name, date of birth, and date of death.*

**inscription** (n) The act of inscribing or what is inscribed.  
*Coins of the United States bear the* ***inscription*** *E Pluribus Unum, a Latin phrase that means “Out of many, one.”*

[**posture**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/posture?s=t)

(n) The way one holds one’s body; a pose or position.  
*You can improve your* ***posture*** *by throwing your shoulders back.*

(v) To assume a particular position, especially a pretended one.  
*They* ***postured*** *as my friends while secretly talking behind my back.*

[**shroud**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/shroud?s=t)

(n) 1. Something that covers or hides from view.  
*A* ***shroud*** *of mystery surrounds the couple’s disappearance.*

2. Cloth used to wrap a dead body before burial.  
*It used to be the custom to make a* ***shroud*** *from a long linen sheet dipped in melted wax.*

(v) To block from sight.  
*Dense fog on the river* ***shrouded*** *the tugboats.*

[**stifle**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/stifle?s=t)

(v) 1. To cut off the air from; to smother.  
*Thick smoke* ***stifled*** *those who sat around the campfire.*

2. To hold back; to check.  
*The spectators tried to* ***stifle*** *their yawns during the lengthy ceremony.*

[**tentative**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/tentative?s=t)

(adj) Not fully worked out or final; hesitating or uncertain.  
*The deadline is* ***tentative*** *and may be extended.*

[**tranquil**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/tranquil?s=t)

(adj) Calm; peaceful.  
*The sea was* ***tranquil*** *with no hint of the approaching storm.*

**tranquility** (n) The state of being tranquil.  
*Many authors prefer writing during the* ***tranquility*** *of early morning before anyone else is up.*

[**versatile**](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/versatile?s=t)

(adj) Able to do many different things or to be used in many different ways.  
*She is a* ***versatile*** *musician who can play eight instruments.*

**versatility** (n) The state or condition of being versatile.  
*The tomato’s* ***versatility*** *and distinct flavor make it a favorite of many cooks.*