Unit Two Vocabulary Words

Orange Level

Chapter Seven

aware - knowing

(uh-wair) The warnings on the radio made everyone **aware** of the dangerous icy roads.

constant - never-ending

(kon-stuhnt) Because there are 3 teenagers in our family, the phone is in **constant** use.

devour - eat quickly

(di-vou-ur) I want to **devour** the last piece of chocolate fudge cake myself before anyone else has a chance

to eat it.

discover - find

(diss-kuh-vur) It took my 4-year-old sister only minutes to **discover** a hiding place in my apartment.

distressed - upset

(diss-trest) The kitten, crying loudly from the top of the tree, was too **distressed** to move.

modern - up-to-date

(mod-urn) Dad doesn't like **modern** music. He likes to listen to music written 20 years ago.

occasion - special time

(uh-kay-zhuhn) Halloween is a great **occasion** for most children.

popular - well-liked

(pop-yuh-lur) Eva is liked by teachers and is also popular with her classmates.

ability - special power

(uh-bil-i-tee) Many animals, such as cats and deer, have the ability to see at night.

create - make

(kree-ayt) Children like to create drawings that their parents can put up on the refrigerator.

Chapter Eight

damage - harm

(dam-ij) Even though the accident was not bad, there was a lot of **damage** to Julia's car.

failure - something that doesn't turn out well

(fayl-yur) When she was turned down for the job she wanted badly, Betsy felt like a **failure**.

glance - look quickly

(glanss) The sun is so bright that if you just **glance** at it, you can hurt your eyes.

gratitude - thanks

(grat-uh-tood) Due to his **gratitude** for my working overtime, my boss gave me an extra day of vacation.

introduce - meet someone for the first time

(in-truh-dooss) When the moving van leaves, we will go over and **introduce** ourselves to our neighbors.

labor - hard work

(lay-bur) It will take a full day of **labor** to clean out the garage.

avoid - keep away from

(uh-void) One way to stay healthy is to **avoid** foods with a lot of sugar and fat.

excuse - reason

(eks-kyooss) Cora's excuse for not handing in her homework was that it had gotten wet in the rain.

helpless - not able to take care of oneself

(help-liss) Newborn babies are completely **helpless**. They need adults to do everything for them.

include - be made up of

(in-klood) The new band will **include** a drummer, a singer, and a guitar player.

Chapter Nine

intend - plan

(in-tend) After working outside in the hot sun for hours, I **intend** to go home and take a hot shower.

normal - usual

(nor-muhl) The parents were happy to learn that their little boy's fear of the dark was **normal**.

sociable - friendly

(soh-shuh-buhl) Eric is shy and doesn't like parties, but his sister is very **sociable**.

struggle - difficult time

(strung-uhl) It is a **struggle** to work and go to school at the same time.

approach - come near

(uh-prohch) As you **approach** a stop sign, slow your car down and get ready to stop.

damp - a bit wet

(damp) At the ocean, clothes often feel sticky and **damp**.

ignore - pay no attention to

(ig-nor) It is hard to **ignore** the smell of delicious food when you are really hungry.

loyal - faithful

(loi-uhl) No matter how many games they lose, Connie is **loyal** to her favorite baseball team.

numerous - lots of

(noo-mur-uhss) On a clear evening, you can see **numerous** stars in the night sky.

previous - earlier

(pree-vee-uhss) Robert married a woman who had two children from a **previous** marriage.

Chapter Ten

require - need

(ri-kwii-ur) Many jobs today **require** employees who know how to use a computer.

timid -fearful

(tim-id) It is hard for a **timid** person to talk in front of a group.

capable - having skill

(kay-puh-buhl) Only the most **capable** runners should try a twenty-six mile race.

careless - not careful

(kair-luhss) Each year hundreds of fires are started by **careless** smokers.

furious - angry

(fyoo-ree-uhss) People who cannot control their tempers often become **furious** over small problems.

observe - watch

(uhb-zurv) The lifeguards at the pool closely **observed** the kids in the water.

opportunity - chance

(op-ur-too-nuh-tee) Sheila's job gives her the **opportunity** to meet many interesting people.

resist - say no to

(ri-zist) The children **resisted** sleep as long as they could. Then they went to bed.

reverse - turn around

(ri-vurss) As a little girl, I liked to **reverse** the order of dinner and start with dessert.

tradition - handed-down way of doing something

(truh-dish-uhn) It is a Latin American **tradition** to have a special party on a girl's 15th birthday.

Chapter Eleven

allow - let

(un-low) Jay's parents **allowed** him to go to the mall after he did his homework.

comfortable - relaxed

(kuhn-for-tuh-buhl) The burning sun and the ants made it hard to get **comfortable** at the picnic.

distract - take away attention

(diss-trakt) We cannot study with Julie. The loud way she chews gum is **distracting** to us.

insulting - hurtful

(in-suhlt-ing) Our boss calls his workers insulting names, such as "stupid" and "lazy."

persist - keep doing something

(pur-sist) To reach a goal, you must **persist** rather than giving up at the first sign of a problem.

respect - great liking

(ri-spekt) I have **respect** for my aunt because she works hard to take care of her children.

sensitive - caring

(sen-suh-tiv) My dog is **sensitive**. When I am sad, she sits down gently beside me and cuddles.

wonder - want to know

(wuhn-dur) Don't you **wonder** why the dinosaurs died out millions of years ago.

enemy - someone who is hated

(en-uh-mee) Even though Bob and I are friends, his dog growls at me as though I am the **enemy**.

examine - look at carefully

(eg-zam-uhn) The airline **examined** the airplane that crashed to find out what had caused the accident.

Chapter Twelve

Prefix / Suffix / Base Word	Meaning	Words	
anti-	- against	antifreeze	antiwar
bi-	- two	bicycle	bigamist
en,em	- in, into	embrace	enter
graph, gram	- something written or drawn	autograph	diagram
inter-	- between	interpreter	interstate
-less	- without	homeless	loveless
phon	- sound	telephone	saxophone
post-	- after	postscript	postponed
spect	- look	inspecting	spectators
sub-	- under	subway	submarine