



## Word List

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

**affection** *n.* A fond or tender feeling.  
 ə fek' shən Hugging is one way to show **affection**.

**affectionate** *adj.* Gentle and loving.  
 My cousin took my hand and gave it an **affectionate** squeeze.

**appeal** *v.* 1. To make an earnest request; to ask.  
 ə pēl' Three students **appealed** for more time to finish the work.

2. To be of interest to; to be attractive to.  
 This very funny movie will **appeal** to children of all ages.

*n.* 1. An earnest request for help.  
 The letter contained an **appeal** for money to provide shelters for the homeless.  
 2. The power to attract or be of interest.  
 Neither the liver and onions nor the meatloaf had much **appeal**.

**clasp** *v.* To grasp or hold tightly.  
 klasp The dancers **clasped** hands and circled the maypole.

*n.* 1. A strong grasp or hold.  
 The nurse gently removed the doll from the toddler's **clasp**.  
 2. Something, such as a hook or fastener, that holds two parts together.  
 The necklace has a **clasp** in the shape of a snake biting its tail.

**conspicuous** *adj.* Easily or plainly seen.  
 kən spik' yōō əs His great height made him **conspicuous** in any crowd.

**contribute** *v.* 1. To give along with others who are giving.  
 kən trib' yōōt I **contributed** a spinach salad to the potluck supper.

2. To have a part in bringing about.  
 Exercise **contributes** greatly to good health.

**contribution** *n.* (kən tri byōō' shən) That which is given.  
 The museum sent a thank-you note for the fifty-dollar **contribution**.

**contributor** *n.* (kən trib' yə tər) One who gives.  
**Contributors** to the new theater received free tickets for opening night.

**declare** *v.* To make known; to state openly.  
 dē klār' "I will not seek reelection," she **declared**.

**declaration** *n.* (dek lə rā' shən) A public statement.  
 The **declaration** read by the mayor stated that November was bicycle safety month.