

## Words and Explanations

**abide** (uh BYD) When you abide by a rule, you accept it and follow it.

**altruistic** (AL tru IHS tihk) Altruistic people take care of other people's needs before they take care of their own.

**curtail** (kur TAYL) When you curtail something, such as the amount of money you spend, you reduce it.

**disparity** (dihs PAR uh tee) If there is a disparity between two things, there is a difference between them.

**inclination** (IHN kluh NAY shuhn) If you have an inclination about something, you have a feeling about it that helps you make a decision.

**incomprehensible** (IHN kom prih HEHN suh buhl) When someone or something is incomprehensible, it is impossible to understand.

**inevitable** (ihn EHV uh tuh bul) If something is inevitable, it's going to happen no matter what.

**resilient** (rih ZIHL ee uhnt) If you are resilient, you recover quickly from something bad that happened to you.

**transitory** (TRAN suh TAWR ee) If something is transitory, it only lasts for a moment.

**virtuous** (VUR chu uhs) Someone who is virtuous has high morals and always does the right thing.

*“The proper words in the proper places are the true definition of style.”*

—Jonathan Swift