

## Words and Explanations

**congregate** (KONG gruh gayt) When people congregate, they come together in a group.

**disregard** (DIHS rih GAHRD) If you disregard something, you decide it is not worth paying attention to.

**explicit** (ehk SPLIHS iht) Something that is explicit is explained so clearly that it can't possibly be misunderstood.

**gnarled** (nahrl'd) Something that is gnarled is wrinkled and twisted, usually because it is old.

**muse** (myooz) When you muse about something, you think about it deeply.

**nostalgic** (nos TAL jihk) When you feel nostalgic, you remember a happier time in the past.

**postulate** (POS chuh layt) When you postulate something, you make an educated guess that it is true.

**somber** (SOM buhr) When you are somber, you feel sad and gloomy.

**supple** (SUHP uhl) Something that is supple is soft and bends easily.

**wan** (won) People who look wan look pale because they are weak or worn out.

*“Words have no legs, yet they walk.”*

—Mali proverb