

## Words and Explanations

**abate** (uh BAYT) If something abates, it becomes less intense or widespread.

**chagrin** (shuh GRIHN) Chagrin is a feeling of embarrassment because you failed.

**compensate** (KOM puhn sayt) When you compensate someone, you try to make up for something lost or stolen.

**devotion** (dih VOH shuhn) Devotion is a deep love and admiration for someone or something.

**enamored** (ehn AM uhrd) When you are enamored with someone, you are fascinated by or in love with that person.

**oblige** (uh BLYJ) If you oblige someone, you do something for that person because you want to, not because you have to.

**presumptuous** (prih ZUHMP chu uhs) If you are presumptuous, you decide that you have the right to do things that are none of your business.

**prudence** (PROO duhns) When you show prudence, you plan things carefully and wisely.

**reproach** (rih PROHCH) When you reproach someone, you criticize that person for doing something wrong.

**utter** (UHT uhr) When you utter a word or sound, you say it.

*“All my life I’ve looked at words as though I were seeing them for the first time.”*

—Ernest Hemingway