## **Words and Explanations**

**conjecture** (kuhn JEHK chuhr) A conjecture is an opinion you form without much proof.

**credible** (KREHD uh buhl) Someone or something that is credible can be trusted or believed.

**debunk** (dee BUHNGK) If you debunk some idea or belief that people have, you show proof that it is not true or real.

**fraudulent** (FRAW juh luhnt) If someone's words or actions are fraudulent, they are meant to be false or dishonest.

**elude** (ih LOOD) If you elude something that is chasing you, you escape from it using cleverness and skill.

**implausible** (ihm PLAW zuh buhl) A story that is implausible is so unlikely that it's hard to believe.

**phenomenon** (fuh NOM uh non) A phenomenon is a rare or unusually important event.

**replete** (rih PLEET) Something that is replete is almost completely filled.

**skeptical** (SKEHP tuh kuhl) If you are skeptical about something, you doubt that it's true.

**substantial** (suhb STAN shuhl) When there is a substantial amount of something, there is a lot of it.

Words have a longer life than deeds. **55** 

—Pindar