

## Words and Explanations

**adversity** (ad VUR suh tee) Adversity is an extremely difficult experience or situation that is hard to overcome.

**bristle** (BRIHS uhl) If you bristle toward someone or something, you act in an angry or irritated way toward it.

**enunciate** (ih NUHN see ayt) If you enunciate a word, you pronounce it very clearly.

**exclusion** (ehk SKLOO zhuhn) An exclusion is something that has been left out on purpose.

**disposition** (DIHS puh ZIHS uhn) Your disposition is your personality or mood.

**distinct** (dihs TIHNGKT) If something is distinct, it is clear or obvious.

**graphically** (GRAF uh kuhl lee) When people describe something graphically, they use so much detail that you feel like you can see it.

**intone** (ihn TOHN) If you intone something, you say it slowly and clearly and in a flat, dull voice.

**invariably** (ihn VAIR ee uh blee) When something happens invariably, it always happens when you expect it to.

**narcissistic** (NAHR sih SIHS tihk) People who are narcissistic think mostly about themselves and admire themselves greatly.

*“You will have written well if, by skillful arrangement of your words, you have made an ordinary one seem original.”*

—Horace