

## Words and Explanations

**cavalier** (KAV uh LIHR) A cavalier person doesn't take important situations seriously.

**haphazard** (HAP HAZ uhrd) If something is haphazard, it is unplanned, disorganized, or messy.

**memento** (muh MEHN toh) A memento is an object that you keep because it reminds you of a special person or occasion.

**meticulous** (muh TIHK yuh luhs) Someone who is meticulous does things very carefully and with great attention to detail.

**rectitude** (REHK tuh tood) A person with rectitude has a strong and honest personality.

**salvage** (SAL vihj) If you salvage something, you save it from destruction.

**satirical** (suh TIHR uh kuhl) Something that is satirical uses humor to show how foolish or wicked a person or idea is.

**sentimental** (SEHN tuh MEHN tuh) Someone who is sentimental about things has tender and loving feelings about them.

**swath** (swoth) A swath is a long, wide strip or path.

**tentative** (TEHN tuh tihv) If something is tentative, it is planned to happen but not certain.

*“A good word costs no more than a bad one.”*

—English proverb