All of the words listed below will appear in the third WordMasters Challenge™, which will be held at your school between April 6th and April 24th. (Your teacher will tell you exactly when the Challenge is scheduled for your team.) The WordMasters Challenge™ is an analogy-solving competition. The contest will challenge you to use the words from your list in logical pairs that will look like this:

SMOOTH : DANCE :: ROUGH :

a. lurch
b. rebel
c. shimmer
d. demolish
e. douse

To succeed in this competition, you will have to understand the exact meanings of all your words, and you will have to reason carefully about the relationships shown in the pairs. In the example above, the correct answer is (a) lurch because when you dance, you move in a smooth manner; in a similar way, when you lurch, you move in a rough way.

Here are some tips to help you get ready for the WordMasters Challenge™:
- After you have learned the meanings of your words, think about possible relationships among them.
  o Which words have similar meanings?
  o Which words have nearly opposite meanings?
  o Remember, some words have more than one meaning.
- Think about some categories into which several words might be grouped.
- Be sure you understand the part of speech of a word (for example, noun, verb or adjective) as it is used in the analogy.
  o Many words on this list (such as “fleck”, “disgrace”, “lurch”, “safeguard” and “annex”) can be either a noun or a verb depending upon how they are used.
- Pay special attention to the prefixes and suffixes of words, because they are often clues to meaning and part of speech.
- Try to familiarize yourself with other forms of these words, for example:
  o Not just “immunity”, but also “immune” and “immunization”
  o Not just “establish”, but also “establishment”
  o Not just “peril”, but also “perilous”
  o Not just “perishable”, but also “perish

1. horde
2. establish
3. pristine
4. commotion
5. lurch
6. threadbare
7. rebellion
8. gratify
9. boisterous
10. reverie
11. fleck
12. paltry
13. peril
14. disgrace
15. compact
16. appendix
17. dapple
18. vulnerable
19. annex
20. enrich
21. concise
22. immunity
23. careen
24. perishable
25. safeguard