All of the words listed below will appear in the second WordMasters Challenge™, which will be held at your school between February 1st and February 19th. (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:

**WORDS : GARBLED :: THOUGHTS : ____________**

a. random
b. eloquent
c. confused
d. wise
e. enthusiastic

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 (c) confused because words that are garbled are difficult to understand and may not make sense; in a similar way, thoughts that are confused may be difficult to understand and may not make sense.

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.
  - Which words have similar meanings?
  - Which words have nearly opposite meanings?
  - 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.
  - Many words on this list (such as “pine”, “buffet”, “caress” and “alloy”) can be either a noun or a verb depending upon how they are used.
  - “Long” can be a verb or an adjective.
- 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:
  - Not just “yearn”, but also “yearning”
  - Not just “candid”, but also “candor”
  - Not just “persevere”, but also “perseverance”
  - Not just “gape”, but also “agape”
- Keep this list! Some of these words will also appear in the third WordMasters Challenge™ meet, scheduled for later this school year.

1. galley 10. caress 19. scepter
2. pine 11. pry 20. yearn
3. candid 12. enthusiastic 21. garbled
4. hybrid 13. alloy 22. staff
5. loathe 14. persevere 23. beseech
6. impromptu 15. eloquent 24. pensive
7. buffet 16. corona 25. gale
8. gape 17. long
9. avid 18. impetuous