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:

ON WATER : FLOAT :: THROUGH AIR : __________

a. entangle  
b. hurtle  
c. bustle  
d. waft  
e. shamble

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 (d) waft since an item that moves slowly on water “floats”, in the same way that an item that moves slowly through the air “wafts”.

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 Some words on this list (such as “furrow”, “groom”, “bustle”, “menace” and “garnish”) can be either a noun or a verb depending upon how they are used. “Secure” can be a verb or an adjective; “sound” can be a verb, a noun 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:
  o Not just “perilous” but also “peril” and “imperil”
  o Not just “bustle” but also “bustling”
  o Not just “secure” but also “security”
  o Not just “crag” but also “craggy”

1. furrow  10. menace  19. cranny
2. entangle  11. shamble  20. groom
3. flinty  12. industrious  21. shiftless
4. sound  13. predicament  22. bustle
5. uproot  14. coddle  23. hurtle
6. dingy  15. perilous  24. spry
7. crag  16. din  25. glen
8. garnish  17. waft
9. secure  18. vulnerable