All of the words listed below will appear in the second WordMasters Challenge™, which will be held at your school between April 10th and April 28th. (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:

FIRE : DOUSE :: SCREAM : ____________
  a. sap
  b. suppress
  c. resound
  d. squall
  e. simmer

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 (b) suppress because if you DOUSE a FIRE, you put it out and stop it; in a similar way, if you SUPPRESS a SCREAM, you stop it.

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.
  - Some words on this list (such as “quail”, “sap”, “squall”, “scuffle” and “blaze”) can be either a noun or a verb depending upon how they are used. “Bluff” can be a noun, 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 “cultured”, but also “culture”
  - Not just “symmetrical”, but also “symmetry”
  - Not just “suppress”, but also “suppression”
  - Not just “erosion”, but also “erode”

1. dross  
2. suppress  
3. ravenous  
4. heft  
5. pummel  
6. symmetrical  
7. armada  
8. simmer  
9. terrestrial

10. quail  
11. sap  
12. tousled  
13. scuffle  
14. bluff  
15. askew  
16. squall  
17. jeer  
18. cultured  
19. famine  
20. blaze  
21. weary  
22. girth  
23. douse  
24. subdued  
25. erosion