

# Short but Challenging Words

| Words to Define |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| 1.              | bane   |
| 2.              | deign  |
| 3.              | eke    |
| 4.              | knell  |
| 5.              | mete   |
| 6.              | moot   |
| 7.              | mulct  |
| 8.              | plumb  |
| 9.              | quail  |
| 10.             | roil   |
| 11.             | ruck   |
| 12.             | shunt  |
| 13.             | svelte |
| 14.             | thrall |
| 15.             | tryst  |

| I. Which Word Comes to Mind? (circle one) |  |       |       |
|---|--|-------|-------|
| 1.  | The impoverished family barely survived the winter |       |       |
|   | mulct  | moot  | eke   |
| 2.  | To each according to his due                       |       |       |
|   | thrall   | mete  | roil  |
| 3.  | A house of terror for its inhabitants              |       |       |
|   | quail  | ruck  | deign |
| 4.  | Romeo and Juliet meet at the Friar's cell          |       |       |
|   | knell  | tryst | shunt |
| 5.  | Drink was his undoing                              |       |       |
|   | svelte   | plumb | bane  |

| II. True or False (circle one) |   |               |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|
| 1.                             | One would normally be proud to be counted among the <i>ruck</i> of humanity.                    | True or False |
| 2.                             | The best time to appeal to someone for a favor is after he has been <i>roiled</i> up.           | True or False |
| 3.                             | The <i>knelling</i> of bells has a somber, saddening effect.                                    | True or False |
| 4.                             | Every girl is anxious to have a <i>svelte</i> figure.   | True or False |
| 5.                             | A person found guilty of a crime in <i>moot</i> court must serve at least the minimum sentence. | True or False |

| III. Matching |        |  |
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| a. | agitate                 |
| b. | meeting                 |
| c. | toll                    |
| d. | curse                   |
| e. | fascination             |
| f. | dole                    |
| g. | willowy                 |
| h. | condescend              |
| i. | cheat                   |
| j. | barely survive          |
| k. | recoil                  |
| l. | commonplace             |
| m. | test                    |
| n. | switch to another track |
| o. | debatable               |