

## Word Book A-5

### **astronaut**

[a person who travels in space]

Astronaut Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon.

### **astronomy**

[the scientific study of stars and the universe]

I study astronomy because I like to look at stars.

### **asylum**

[political protection given by a government to a person from another country]

The refugee asked for political asylum.

### **at**

[(1) in or near; (2) where; (3) when]

She saw the bear at the edge of the forest. (1)

Look at the bear. (2)

We must go home at noon. (3)

### **atmosphere**

[the gases surrounding any star or planet]

The atmosphere of Venus is mostly water and carbon dioxide.

### **attach**

[(1) to tie together; (2) to connect]

Please attach this name card to your coat. (1)

He attached himself to our group. (2)

### **attack**

[(1) a violent attempt to damage, injure or kill; (2) to start a fight]

The war started with a rebel attack on government troops at Charleston, South Carolina. (1)

Several men attacked him on the street. (2)

### **attempt**

[(1) to work toward something; (2) to try; (3) to make an effort]

He attempted to change his life one step at a time. (1)

Do not attempt to drive through the flood waters. (2)

You will never write your book if you do not attempt it. (3)

### **attend**

[to be present at]

The president will attend the meeting.

### **automobile**

[(1) a vehicle with wheels used to carry people; (2) a car]

Is a bus an automobile? (1)

Who invented the automobile? (2)

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### **autumn**

[the time of the year between summer and winter]

The trees of autumn are bright red and yellow.

### **average**

[(1) something (a number) representing the middle; (2) common; (3) normal]

The average of daily high temperatures in Washington in January is 0 degrees, Celsius. (1)

The average amount spent for lunch was two dollars. (2)

John is an average student. (3)

### **avoid**

[to stay away from]

Avoid meat and milk products to prevent a heart attack.

### **awake**

[not sleeping]

The storm kept everyone awake for hours.

### **award**

[an honor or prize for an act or service]

Last night, we saw the movie that won the best picture award.

### **away**

[not near]

The old man came from far away, but his home is here now.