## **Robust Vocabulary**

- poised When you are poised for action, you are ready to get started.
- earnestly Someone who speaks earnestly says things in an especially serious and honest way.
- insufficient If something is insufficient, there is not enough of it or it is not good enough to meet the need.
- exceptional Something that is exceptional is special, and it stands above others like it.
- **achievement** An achievement is the result of a successful effort.
- **bickering** People who are bickering are arguing about something unimportant.
- equivalent Things that are equivalent are equal.
- regal If something is regal, it is fit for a king or queen.
- customary Something that is customary is what is usual or normal.
- provoke When you provoke someone, you do something to make him or her feel angry.