



# BUILDING YOUR WORKING VOCABULARY

The key word here is *working*. There are many words that seem to fall on the fringe of an average vocabulary. We think we know the meaning of these words, but when we read or hear them, are not quite sure. They are, therefore, not regularly used in our writing and conversation. The purpose of the *TRE* vocabulary section is not to stump you, but to sharpen your knowledge and use of words frequently used in books and/or heard in conversation. Here are a few such words, with abbreviated definitions and some rough pronunciation guidance.

**PROPINQUITY** Proximity, nearness. Also kinship. (pro-PINK-qua-tee)

**INVIDIOUS** Tending to rouse ill will, animosity, or resentment. Containing or implying a slight. Envious. (in-VID-ee-us)

**INCHOATE** An initial or early stage; incipient. (in-KO-it)

**SALACIOUS** Appealing to or stimulating sexual desire; lustful, bawdy. (sa-LAY-schuss)

**ZAFTIG** Pleasingly plump, full-bosomed, (ZAFF-tig)

**PUTATIVE** Generally regarded as such; supposed. (PYOO-ta-tiv)

**CENSORIUS** Tending to censure; highly critical. (sen-SORE-ee-us)

**AQUILINE** Of, relating to or having the characteristics of an eagle. (ACK-wah-linn)

**ADJURATION** An earnest, solemn appeal. (adj-ah-RAY-shen)