1. Pg 3: agility - the power of moving quickly and easily
2. Pg 4: fiercely - violent in force, intensity
3. Pg 4: hustle - to proceed or work rapidly
4. Pg 4: berth - a job or position
5. Pg 4: unprecedented - extraordinary, unique, unmatched
6. Pg 5: console - to alleviate or lessen grief, sorrow or disappointment
7. Pg 5: desolate - barren or laid waste; devastated
8. Pg 6: sheepish - embarrassed or bashful, as by having done something wrong
9. Pg 6: taxidermy - preparing, preserving, stuffing, and mounting animal skins
10. Pg 6: domestic - a hired household servant
11. Pg 9: gruffly - seeming rather unfriendly or bad-tempered
12. Pg 9: demeanor - the way in which a person behaves
13. Pg 12: plumb - complete and total
14. Pg 11: cue - a long, straight, tapering wooden rod for striking the ball in pool, billiards, snooker, etc.
15. Pg 13: dignity - the quality of being worthy of honor or respect
16. Pg 14: agape - wide open, esp. with surprise or wonder
17. Pg 15: intimidating - frighten or overawe (someone), esp. in order to make them do what one wants
18. Pg 15: frankly - in an open, honest, and direct manner
19. Pg 15: militant - combative and aggressive
20. Pg 15: protégé - one whose training or career is promoted by an influential person
21. Pg 18: enunciating - to pronounce in an articulate way
22. Pg 18: demonstrate - to show clearly and deliberately
23. Pg 19: non-plussed - filled with bewilderment
24. Pg 20: rickety - old, dilapidated, in disrepair
25. Pg 20: bleak - without hope or encouragement; depressing
26. Pg 20: withering - tending to overwhelm or destroy
27. Pg 21: fish - to seek something in a sly or indirect way
28. Pg 21: fundamental - being an essential part of, a foundation or basis
29. Pg 21: slink - to move in a quiet furtive manner; sneak
30. Pg 23: dousing - to wet thoroughly; drench