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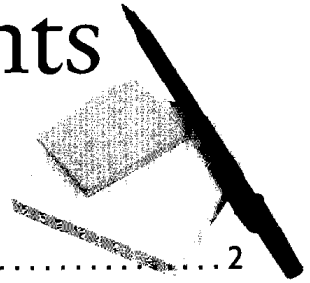
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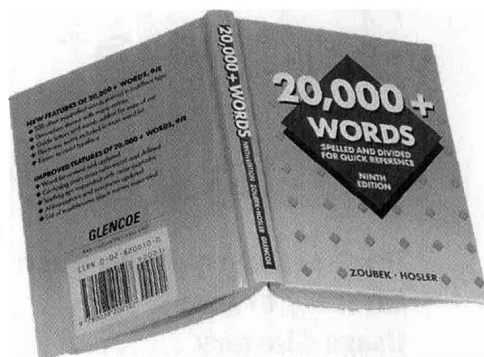
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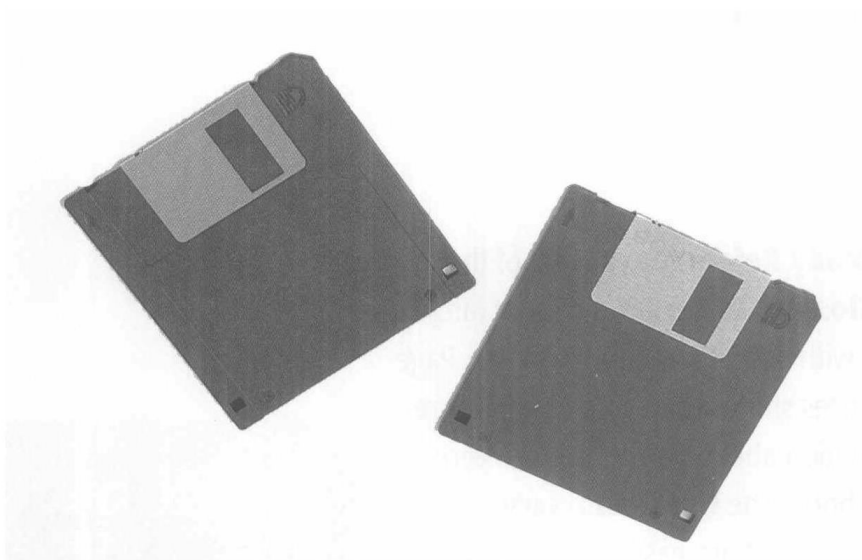
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS



abbreviation An abbreviation is a shortened form of a word or phrase. Many abbreviations are followed by periods (pages 264–266).

EXAMPLES Mrs., Tues., Dec., Mont., NBA, ft., St., RI

abstract noun An abstract noun names an idea, a quality, or a feeling that can't be seen or touched (page 82).

EXAMPLE Her **bravery** and **courage** filled us with **admiration**.

action verb An action verb is a verb that expresses action. An action verb may consist of more than one word (pages 97–98).

EXAMPLES The director **shouts** at the members of the cast.

The lights **are flashing** above the stage.

The play **has begun**.

active voice A verb is in the active voice when the subject performs the action of the verb (pages 111–112).

EXAMPLE Thornton Wilder **composed** that play.

adjective An adjective is a word that describes, or modifies, a noun or a pronoun (pages 144–152, 164–165).

HOW ADJECTIVES MODIFY NOUNS

WHAT KIND? We studied **ancient** history.

HOW MANY? I read **four** chapters.

WHICH ONE? **That** invention changed history.

adjective clause An adjective clause is a subordinate clause that modifies, or describes, a noun or a pronoun in the main clause of a complex sentence (pages 195, 197).