

## What Does That Mean?

**abolitionist**—person who believes in doing away with slavery

**about-face**—a complete change in attitude, behavior, or point of view

**aft**—toward the stern (back) of a ship

**apprentice**—young person bound by a legal agreement to work for another person in order to learn a trade

**brandishing**—waving angrily

**callousness**—lack of feeling

**clairvoyant**—person who claims to be aware of things others cannot see

**cooper**—person who makes or repairs barrels

**fictitious**—not real

**impudent**—rude

**jib**—small triangular sail on a sailing ship

**larboard**—left side of a ship

**larder**—room where food is stored in home; pantry

**poultice**—medicine on a cloth applied to the body to relieve pain

**pupil**—student

**scow**—a large flat-bottomed boat used for carrying freight

**sloop**—sailboat with one mast

**starboard**—right side of a ship