**Word List: dict = speak**

**Vocabulary Definitions**

contradict (v) to **speak** against; to **say** the opposite

dictation (n) what is written down as someone **says** it

dictator (n) a leader who **speaks** and rules with total power

diction (n) the manner in which something is expressed in

words (written or **spoken**)

dictionary (n) a reference book in which **spoken** or written words

are defined

dictum (n) a judge's ruling or **statement**

edict (n) public **words** issued by an official that explain

a law or command

indictment (n) formal words **spoken** or written by a jury that

charge a person with a crime

predict (v) to **say** what will happen before it occurs

verdict (n) the decision a jury makes in a trial; the decision

**said** by the jury