Vocabulary

The student will develop and demonstrate knowledge of vocabulary skills that enhance comprehension of a variety of texts.

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Use Knowledge of Word Roots and Affixes

One stop on the road to literacy…

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The Outcome

The student will use knowledge of common word roots, prefixes, and suffixes to determine the meaning of words.

Why Go There?

Explain to your student that one way a good reader figures out an unknown word is by applying the meaning of the word root, prefix, and/or suffix.

How To Get There

Teach the meanings of word parts with the following activities. Be sure to reinforce the concepts by studying word parts that are found in authentic text.

Answer Key for puzzle on page 70.

Root It Out

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Word Roots

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The word roots unit is made up of 8 sets. Each set includes activities for 10 word roots. Each set contains an introduction to each word root, a practice lesson, and a check up. After every two units is a fun review activity.

FOR EACH SET:

Introduction

1. Discuss each root and its meaning with your student.
2. Have your student look up each challenge word in a dictionary.
3. Discuss how the root meaning applies to the word meaning.
4. Have your student read each sentence and write the correct challenge word in the blank.

Practice

Beforehand, cut out the cards. At your tutoring session:

1. Shuffle the Root Cards and lay them out face up.
2. Shuffle the Meaning Cards and give them to your student.
3. Challenge your student to match the root with its meaning.

Check Up

When your student has had sufficient practice with the word roots in each lesson, administer the check up. This is a good time to teach test-taking strategies, such as skipping difficult questions and coming back to them.

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Word Roots

Set 1: Introduction

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Root: act (Latin) **Meaning: do**

Challenge Words: **action actor actress react transact**

1. The lead _____ in the play tripped in the first scene and broke his leg.
2. How do you think your mom will _____ when she hears you won the lottery?
3. My aunt has moved to New York to become an _____.
4. We will be able to _____ this business at the bank.

2

Root: cardi (Greek) **Meaning: heart**

Challenge Words: **cardiac cardiology**

1. The _____ surgery made the very sick man feel much better.
2. The medical student was interested in studying _____.

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Root: sens (Latin) **Meaning: feel**

Challenge Words: **sensation sense sensible sensory**

1. The blind man could _____ someone was in the room with him.
2. Some movie stars cause quite a _____ with the way they behave.
3. Wearing a heavy jacket in the summer heat was not a _____ choice.
4. The two-year-old girl loved splashing through the puddles just for the _____ experience.

4

Root: don, donat (Latin) **Meaning: give**

Challenge Words: **donation pardon donate**

1. The animal shelter received a very large _____ from a local business.
2. Many families _____ used items to Goodwill®.
3. I beg your _____, but could you tell me what time it is, please?

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Root: graph (Greek) **Meaning: write**

Challenge Words: **telegraph photograph phonograph**

1. The black and white _____ in that magazine tells quite a story!
2. My mother plays records on the _____ she had as a girl.
3. My neighbor received a _____ from his brother asking for money.

6

Root: mar (Latin) **Meaning: sea**

Challenge Words: **marine maritime submarine**

1. I love being by the ocean and watching _____ life.
2. People are able to live in a _____ for months at a time.
3. The old sailor loved sharing his _____ stories.

7

Root: ped (Latin) **Meaning: foot**

Challenge Words: **pedestrian biped pedestal**

1. The beautiful statue was placed on a _____ in the museum.
2. A duck is a _____ but a dog is not.
3. The _____wasn't paying attention when he stepped off the curb.

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Root: ques (Latin) **Meaning: ask, seek**

Challenge Words: **question** **inquest** **request**

1. I may have to _____ some help with this project.
2. There will be a(n) _____ concerning the mysterious death.
3. The _____ about censorship of certain library books has not been answered.

9

Root: phono (Greek) **Meaning: sound**

Challenge Words: **symphony** **telephone** **microphone**

1. Please answer the _____ before it rings off the hook!
2. The speaker needed a _____ because we couldn't hear in the back.
3. The _____ played such beautiful music!

10

Root: terr (Latin) **Meaning: land**

Challenge Words: **territory** **terrain** **terrestrial**

1. The _____ out west is so different from the east.
2. A dog is a _____ animal but a fish is not.
3. The pioneers were courageous to explore new _____ .

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Word Roots

Set 1: Practice

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Root	MEANING
act	do
cardi	heart
don, donat	give
graph	write

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Root	MEANING
mar	sea
ped	foot
phono	sound
ques	ask, seek
sens	feel
terr	land

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Word Roots

Name _____

Date _____

Set 1: Check Up

Gauging progress…

Read each sentence below. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word from the Word Box.

Word Box

donor autograph terrace cardiogram

mariner pedal sensitive quest enact phonics

1. The kind woman is _____ to other people's feelings.
2. To check the patient's heart, the doctor ordered a _____ to be done.
3. The old _____ loved to sit on the dock and remember his time at sea.
4. His _____ for this mission was to find the hidden caves.
5. The bike's right _____ was broken.
6. From the dining room, a _____ led out to the landscaped backyard.
7. The tutor taught her student _____ to sound out some words.
8. The witnesses to the crime agreed to _____ the robbery for the police.
9. The _____ who gave his kidney was the patient's brother.
10. The famous movie star wrote his _____ on the fan's forehead.

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Word Roots

Set 2: Introduction

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1

Root: rupt (Latin) **Meaning: break**

Challenge Words: **interrupt** **abrupt** **rupture** **bankrupt**

1. The pleasant ride came to a(n) _____ end when the car had a flat tire.
2. Thomas' spending habits ended abruptly when he found out he was _____.
3. I don't like it when commercials _____ a good TV show.
4. The blood vessel may _____ so Tad needs surgery to repair it.

2

Root: ambul (Latin) **Meaning: walk, go**

Challenge Words: **ambulance** **circumambulate**

1. The geologist took his time to _____ around the rim of the canyon.
2. With sirens going full blast, the _____rushed to the hospital.

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3

Root: cycl (Greek) **Meaning: circle, ring**

Challenge Words: **bicycle cyclone cycle encyclopedia**

1. The storm clouds swirled into terrifying rings and soon a _____ was born.
2. Both wheels of the young girl's _____ were flat.
3. My dad read the entire _____ set.
4. The changing of leaves is an interesting _____ to watch through the year.

4

Root: gram (Greek) **Meaning: letter, written**

Challenge Words: **telegram diagram**

1. Sending a _____ to Joe was the quickest way to write him for help.
2. The _____ showed the way the blood flows through the body.

5

Root: lab (Latin) **Meaning: work**

Challenge Words: **labor laboratory elaborate**

1. The work in the new _____ does not involve testing on animals.
2. Hard _____ can make your muscles strong.
3. Your story is good! Please _____ and don't leave out any details!

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Root: meter (Greek) **Meaning: measure**

Challenge Words: **thermometer** **centimeter** **diameter**

1. The child clamped her teeth down so hard it broke the _____.
2. The _____ of this pie plate is the same as that pie pan.
3. Use a _____ ruler to measure small things.

7

Root: mot (Latin) **Meaning: move**

Challenge Words: **motion** **promote**

1. The company Jim works for is going to _____ him again!
2. The _____ of the waves made be feel seasick.

8

Root: pop (Latin) **Meaning: people**

Challenge Words: **population** **pop** **populace**

1. I wonder what the _____ of the world will be in 15 years.
2. The English _____ was appalled by the bombings.
3. It seems that this _____ music has a lively beat!

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Root: struct (Latin) **Meaning: build**

Challenge Words: **construct** **instruct** **construction**

1. My little brother loves to _____ buildings with those blocks.
2. My little brother grew up to be a successful _____ builder.
3. When you _____ me on how to repair car engines, you build my knowledge on all engines.

10

Root: vac (Latin) **Meaning: empty**

Challenge Words: **vacant** **vacuum** **evacuate** **vacate**

1. A _____is created when a space is emptied of air.
2. The people of Miami prepared to _____ as the hurricane approached.
3. The disorderly children were ordered to _____ the property.
4. The _____ lot next door has been empty for a long time.

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Word Roots

Set 2: Practice

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Root	MEANING
ambul	walk, go
cyc	circle, ring
gram	letter, written
lab	work

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Root	MEANING
meter	measure
mot	move
pop	people
rupt	break
struct	build
vac	empty

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Word Roots

Name _____

Set 2: Check Up

Date _____

Gauging progress…

Read each sentence below. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word from the Word Box.

Word Box

amble		tricycle		grammar	collaborate
barometer	motor	popular	erupt	structure	vacation

1. What's _____ with the people is what sells in the stores.
2. My son's _____ has extra large wheels on it.
3. If we work together to _____ on this project, it will be better.
4. I like to empty my mind of stressful things when I am on _____.
5. That tall _____ in the park was done by a local artist.
6. It's a nice night for a walk so let's _____ on down to the ice cream shop.
7. A _____ has all kinds of moving parts.
8. The volcano will _____ when the lava breaks through the earth's crust.
9. The _____ measures the pressure in our area and helps us to figure out what the weather is going to be.
10. The English teacher kept a close eye on the _____ of her students' written work.

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Word Roots

Sets 1 & 2: Review

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On your own or with the assistance of your tutor, solve the crossword puzzle below. <u>Hint</u>: *Each answer is a word containing a word root from one of the two previous lessons.*

Answer Key found on page 54.

ACROSS

2 Wired message
8 Move people out
9 Snap to get it
11 Number of people
12 Funnel
14 Break in
17 Engine
18 Amplifies sound
20 Have a feeling

DOWN

1 It's begged for
3 Emergency vehicle
4 George Clooney or Mel Gibson
5 Temperature gauge
6 Heart arrest
7 The land
10 Hard work
13 Build or make
15 Ask a favor
16 Old sailor
19 Footrest on a bicycle

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Word Roots

Set 3: Introduction

LEVEL 3
RV1

1

Root: hosp, host (Latin) **Meaning: host**

Challenge Words: **host** **hostess** **hospitality** **hospice**

1. The nurses on the _____ unit take excellent care of their patients.
2. My husband is a great _____ whenever we have company.
3. Thank you for your warm _____ during my visit!
4. Is the _____ going to seat us soon? I'm hungry!

2

Root: alter (Latin) **Meaning: other**

Challenge Words: **alternate** **altercation**

1. Let's _____ between listening to heavy metal and reggae.
2. The _____ between the two angry drivers scared me.

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3

Root: aqua (Latin) **Meaning: water**

Challenge Words: **aquarium** **aqueous** **aquamarine**

1. It's important to keep the water fresh in an _____ or the fish may die.
2. The _____ color she painted the walls reminds me of the color of the ocean.
3. Even though the container was sealed, the scientists knew the contents were _____ and highly explosive.

4

Root: div (Latin) **Meaning: divide**

Challenge Words: **divorce** **dividend**

1. The stockholders were disappointed in the _____ they received.
2. The couple divided all of their belongings in half for their _____.

5

Root: frag (Latin) **Meaning: break**

Challenge Words: **fragment** **fragile**

1. The storekeeper held a _____ of the broken vase in his hand and shook an accusatory finger at me.
2. The doctors handled the _____ woman with care.

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6

Root: man (Latin) **Meaning: hand**

Challenge Words: **manual** **manufacture** **manipulate**

1. My father still types on an old _____ typewriter.
2. Origami is where you _____ paper to create a design such as a bird.
3. The company my wife works for will soon _____ model airplanes.

7

Root: port (Latin) **Meaning: carry**

Challenge Words: **portable** **transport** **import**

1. The school rents vans to _____ students to the games.
2. The generator has wheels on it to make it _____.
3. The USA seems to _____ a lot of items from China.

8

Root: scend (Latin) **Meaning: climb**

Challenge Words: **ascend** **descendent** **transcend**

1. My neighbor claims to be a _____ of Geronimo.
2. Despite all the hardship my mother has known, she manages to _____ the suffering.
3. Be careful as you _____ the rickety ladder!

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9

Root: serv (Latin) **Meaning: serve**

Challenge Words: **serve** **servant** **servile**

1. The waiter forgot to _____ the appetizers.
2. I wish I had a _____ to keep my house clean!
3. That store clerk always seems to act so _____ to everyone he serves.

10

Root: ver (Latin) **Meaning: truth**

Challenge Words: **verify** **verity** **veracity**

1. There is no doubt as to the _____ of the witness's testimony.
2. Many people believe devotedly in their religious _____.
3. The phone company wanted to see my driver's license to _____ I am who I say I am.

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Word Roots

Set 3: Practice

Root alter	**MEANING** other
Root aqua	**MEANING** water
Root div	**MEANING** divide
Root frag	**MEANING** break

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Root	MEANING
hosp, host	host
man	hand
port	carry
scend	climb
serv	serve
ver	truth

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Word Roots

Set 3: Check Up

Name _____

Date _____

Gauging progress…

Read each sentence below. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word from the Word Box.

Word Box

alternative aquatic division fragile

hospital manuscript porter descended service verdict

1. The guilty _____ showed that the jury thought the charges were true.

2. The elderly lady needed a _____ to carry her bags to the train.

3. My friends love _____ sports, such as swimming and water skiing.

4. The staff in the emergency room at the _____ saved my life.

5. The _____ in crowded restaurants can be slow.

6. The anxious homeowner checked her flashlight before she _____ into the cellar.

7. The only _____ to eating leftovers is to go out for dinner.

8. The writer's handwritten _____ was well received by the publishing company.

9. Handle this _____ package carefully—I don't want the contents to break!

10. In math, _____ is about equally dividing a number.

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Word Roots

Set 4: Introduction

LEVEL 3
RV1

1

Root: fac (Latin) **Meaning: make, do**

Challenge Words: **factory** **manufacture** **facsimile**

1. The _____ where blue jeans are made is hiring for the evening shift.
2. What companies _____ medical supplies?
3. The lawyer could make a _____ of the document by using his computer.

2

Root: ann (Latin) **Meaning: year**

Challenge Words: **annual** **anniversary**

1. My parents' 50th wedding _____ is this month.
2. Many employers give an _____ review for each employee.

3

Root: bio (Greek) **Meaning: life**

Challenge Words: **biology** **biocide**

1. My neighbor didn't realize he put a _____ on his lawn and all of his beautiful grass died.
2. In high school I studied how plants grow in _____ class.

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4

Root: laps (Latin) **Meaning: slip**

Challenge Words: **elapse** **relapse** **prolapse**

1. How much time will you allow to _____ before you start your chores?
2. The patient was not allowed to walk for a while for fear the disc in her back would _____ again.
3. If you don't give yourself enough time to recover from an illness, you could have a _____.

5

Root: min (Latin) **Meaning: small, less**

Challenge Words: **minute** **mini** **minor** **minus**

1. The model's _____ was very short!
2. Five _____ three is two.
3. The _____ sliver of glass was removed from the mechanic's eye by a doctor.
4. The grocery clerk is suppose to check IDs because he can not sell alcohol or cigarettes to a _____.

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6

Root: narr (Latin) **Meaning: tell**

Challenge Words: **narrate** **narrative**

1. Who will be chosen to _____ the new documentary?
2. The witness wrote a detailed _____ so he would remember what he had seen.

7

Root: psych (Greek) **Meaning: mind, soul**

Challenge Words: **psychology** **psyche** **psychopath**

1. The _____ needed to be put in the hospital before he hurt someone or himself.
2. The young woman wanted to study _____ because she loved helping people with their problems.
3. The stressed woman revived her _____ by taking a long walk in the woods.

8

Root: scribe (Latin) **Meaning: write**

Challenge Words: **scribe** **inscribe** **describe**

1. Please _____ what the robber looked like.
2. On the back of my father's watch, I'll _____ his initials.
3. In ancient Egypt, a _____ would create documents that explained great events.

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9

Root: stell (Latin) **Meaning: star**

Challenge Words: **stellar** **stelliform**

1. My wife makes _____ pancakes on special occasions.
2. Your son's performance in the school play was _____!

10

Root: tract (Latin) **Meaning: pull, drag**

Challenge Words: **tractor** **attract** **subtract**

1. The farmers use a _____ to pull heavy things.
2. Will a magnet _____ paper clips?
3. Go ahead and _____ today's total from yesterday's to see how much more money we made yesterday.

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Word Roots

Set 4: Practice

LEVEL 3
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Root	MEANING
ann	year
bio	life
fac	make, do
laps	slip

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Root	MEANING
min	small, less
narr	tell
psych	mind, soul
scribe	write
stell	star
tract	pull, drag

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Word Roots

Set 4: Check Up

Name _____

Date _____

Gauging progress…

Read each sentence below. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word from the Word Box.

Word Box

annuity biography benefactor collapse

minimize narrator psychiatrist scribble constellations traction

1. Give my son a pen and he will _____ on anything!
2. The elderly gentleman was the _____ who made a wonderful donation to the college.
3. Every year my husband receives an _____ from his insurance company.
4. My favorite book is a _____ on the life of Jesse James.
5. Due to a sore throat, the _____ was unable to read the poem for the assembly.
6. Although the damage to her dress was very bad, the kind woman tried to _____ it so the youngster wouldn't feel bad.
7. The tires lost _____ on the ice and the car skidded into a tree.
8. Cluster of stars in the sky form _____.
9. The wise _____ knew the man's mind was disturbed.
10. If another ice brick slips, the whole igloo will _____.

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Word Roots

Sets 3 & 4: Review

LEVEL 3 RV1

On your own or with the assistance of your tutor, use the roots in the Word Roots box to complete the activity below. The first one is done for you. The answers are the hidden words in the Word Hunt on the following page.

Word Roots

~~alter~~ aqua div frag hosp man

port scend serv ver ann bio fac

laps min narr psych scribe stell tract

Word Puzzles

1. other + nator ___*alternator*_____
2. in + divide + isible _____
3. truth + ify _____
4. break + mentize _____
5. host + italize _____
6. de + write _____
7. auto + life + graphy _____
8. star + ar _____
9. dis + serve + ice _____
10. bi + year + ual _____
11. mis + hand+ age _____
12. water + plane _____
13. e + slip + e _____
14. mind + ology _____
15. pull + or _____
16. trans + carry + ation _____
17. manu + make + ture _____
18. de + climb + ent _____
19. small + iscule _____
20. tell + ator _____

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Word Hunt

The hidden words for this word search are the correct answers for the activity on page 85.

P	A	E	L	B	I	S	I	V	I	D	N	I	S	D	A
S	Q	I	R	D	Y	F	I	R	E	V	C	T	U	E	Q
Y	U	R	O	T	A	R	R	A	N	Q	E	R	V	S	U
H	A	L	T	E	W	A	T	O	R	L	E	A	Q	C	A
P	P	A	A	I	S	G	M	A	L	Z	N	N	E	R	D
A	L	U	N	M	O	M	Z	A	I	V	A	S	R	I	Y
R	A	N	R	E	I	E	R	L	Q	U	G	P	U	B	G
G	N	N	E	G	A	N	A	M	S	I	M	O	T	E	O
O	E	A	T	Z	T	T	R	A	C	T	O	R	C	H	L
I	R	I	L	I	I	I	T	R	A	N	Z	T	A	O	O
B	A	B	A	P	R	Z	O	P	S	E	I	A	F	S	H
O	G	E	S	N	T	E	S	P	A	L	E	T	U	P	C
T	M	O	M	I	N	I	S	C	U	L	E	I	N	I	Y
U	H	E	C	I	V	R	E	S	S	I	D	O	A	T	S
A	D	E	S	C	E	N	D	A	N	T	L	N	M	A	P

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