Word Roots

Set 3: Introduction

LEVEL 4
RV1

Directions:

1. With your tutor, read each word root and its meaning.
2. Look up each challenge word in the dictionary.
3. Then look up each challenge word in the dictionary.
4. Discuss how the root meaning applies to the word meaning.
5. Read each sentence and write the correct challenge word in the blank.

1.

Root: **alt** (L) *Meaning:* **high**

Challenge Words **altitude** **altimeter** **altiplano**

1. When we stayed on a(n) _____ in Peru, I had difficulty breathing at such a high altitude.
2. The airplane rose, gaining _____ quickly.
3. The plane's _____ showed it to be at 30,000 feet.

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Root: **belli** (L) *Meaning:* **war**

Challenge Words **antebellum belligerent rebellion**

1. After the Civil War, many mansions were built in the _____ style.
2. Red-faced, the _____ boy stamped his foot and screamed in an effort to get his way.
3. The outrageous rent demanded by the landlord led to a _____ by the tenants.

Root: **claim, clam** (L) *Meaning:* **shout**

Challenge Words **proclaimed exclaimed acclaimed**

1. The delighted children _____ with glee when they saw the unexpected ice cream treat.
2. The _____ author of one of the best-selling books on the market will be at my house tomorrow.
3. The king _____ that there would be no more tax.

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Root: **dem** (G) *Meaning:* **people**

Challenge Words **Democrat demography democratize**

1. Does the _____ of farmers in North Carolina reveal that there are fewer farmers now than in the recent past?
2. It is difficult to _____ a country that doesn't wish to change.
3. A _____ believes in social equality.

Root: **form** (L) *Meaning:* **shape**

Challenge Words **form transform reform**

1. Cinderella's Godmother performed magic to _____ the homely girl into a beautiful maiden.
2. Living with his grandmother enabled the juvenile delinquent to _____ his wild ways.
3. The artist's sculpture began to take _____ under his skilled hand.

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Root: **hydr** (G) *Meaning:* **water**

Challenge Words **hydroelectric hydrant dehydrated**

1. Not having had any water for three days, the parched hiker had become _____.
2. The fireman quickly spotted the _____ and hooked the hose to it.
3. The water held back by the dam was used for _____ power.

Root: **ment** (L) *Meaning:* **mind**

Challenge Words **mention demented**

1. Please _____ to your friends that there will be a community yard sale soon.
2. The psychiatrist worked tirelessly with the _____ patient.

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Root: **neg** (L) *Meaning:* **no**

Challenge Words **negation negative renege**

1. I have found I can't count on my cousins because they always _____ on their promises.
2. The _____ of the general's orders left the soldiers uncertain as to what to do.
3. _____ people complain about everything.

Root: **var** (L) *Meaning:* **different**

Challenge Words **vary invariably variety**

1. My uncle _____ tugs at his ear when he is nervous.
2. Some people can't stand routine and need _____ in their day.
3. Let's _____ our routine of walking the dog after dinner by walking him before we eat.

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Set 3: Practice

LEVEL 4
RV1

Directions:
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.

Root alt	**MEANING** high
Root belli	**MEANING** war
Root claim, clam	**MEANING** shout

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Root	MEANING
dem	people
form	shape
hydr	water
ment	mind
neg	no
var	different

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Name _____

Set 3: Check Up

Date _____

Gauging progress…

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

Word Box

altocumulus	bellicose	clamor	epidemic	
uniform	hydrogen	mental	negate	variation

1. Water is made up of two _____ molecules and one oxygen.
2. The _____ sisters fought constantly.
3. A hundred _____ rows of soldiers stood in front of the new commander.
4. The _____ clouds were too high to threaten rain.
5. Angry prisoners began to _____ loudly when they were served another substandard meal.
6. We wanted to paint our house beige, but I didn't realize that there were so many _____s of the color.
7. My aunt loves _____ challenges, such as crossword puzzles and brain teasers.
8. The overwhelming kindness of the majority of people can frequently _____ the bad attitudes of the few.
9. Many people will miss school and work due to the flu _____.

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Sets 1—3: Review

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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

~~log~~	cap	flex	max	nat	ocu
mem	rect	alt	sim	tain	ceive	tact
belli	claim	dem	ment	form	neg	var

Word Puzzles

1. apo + word + y ___*apology*_____
2. pre + born + al _____
3. pro + shout _____
4. de + mind + ia _____
5. no + ative _____
6. con + touch _____
7. trans + shape + ation _____
8. bend+ time _____
9. di + straight + ion _____
10. mindful of + orable _____
11. dis + like + ilar _____
12. head + s _____
13. un + different + ying _____
14. high + itudinal _____
15. eye + lometer _____
16. war + cose _____
17. un + people + ocratic _____
18. de + receive _____
19. re + hold + er _____
20. greatest + imal _____

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Word Hunt

The hidden words for this word search are the correct answers for the activity on page 77.

A	L	T	I	T	U	D	I	N	A	L	U	C	X
P	M	A	E	U	N	V	A	R	Y	I	N	G	I
O	V	C	N	V	D	P	V	R	E	X	N	E	A
L	E	S	F	L	E	X	T	I	M	E	G	D	F
O	V	N	P	U	M	I	N	G	N	X	V	I	G
G	I	T	F	A	O	M	I	A	L	C	O	R	P
Y	T	A	P	O	C	U	L	O	M	E	T	E	R
V	A	C	O	F	R	G	U	I	A	I	D	C	E
L	G	T	L	M	A	G	F	A	X	V	E	T	N
D	E	M	E	N	T	I	A	R	I	E	C	I	A
R	N	O	X	D	I	V	N	X	M	G	E	O	T
B	E	L	L	I	C	O	S	E	A	O	I	N	A
B	R	E	N	I	A	T	E	R	L	E	V	I	L
D	I	S	S	I	M	I	L	A	R	O	E	O	P
N	O	I	T	A	M	R	O	F	S	N	A	R	T
U	N	M	E	M	O	R	A	B	L	E	C	A	P

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