Word Roots

Set 5: 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: **commun** (L) *Meaning:* **common**

Challenge Words **community** **communication** **communism**

1. Everyone in my neighborhood keeps an eye on what's going on in our _____.
2. _____'s goal was to have all goods made available equally to all people.
3. My father keeps telling me that the key to a good marriage is two-way _____.

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Root: **fug** (L) *Meaning*: **flee**

Challenge Words **fugitive** **centrifugal** **refuge**

1. While driving through a sharp curve, it can be difficult to keep the car in the correct lane because of _____ force .
2. The prisoner escaped from jail and is now a _____ of the law.
3. When the storm broke loose in all its fury, the kids took _____ on a neighbor's porch.

Root: **grat** (L) *Meaning*: **pleasing**

Challenge Words **gratitude** **congratulate** **ungrateful**

1. Overwhelmed with _____, the relieved parents hugged the rescuer of their son who had almost drowned.
2. Upon my daughter's graduation, many of my friends gave her gifts to _____ her for a job well done.
3. Not wanting to appear _____ for the boy's help even though she hadn't needed it, the elderly woman graciously thanked him.

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Root: **jur** (L) *Meaning:* **law**

Challenge Words **jurisdiction jurisprudence jury**

1. The _____ deliberated for only two hours before arriving at a decision.
2. It was not within the dog catcher's _____ to arrest the man for cruelty to animals.
3. The police officer from Georgia did not have the _____ to arrest the man in Florida.

Root: **lust** (L) *Meaning:* **shine**

Challenge Words **luster illustrate illustrious**

1. The _____ store manager was made Employee of the Month.
2. The new shampoo promised to add _____to the dullest of hair.
3. I will _____ what I mean by giving you an example.

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Root: **minist** (L) *Meaning:* **serve**

Challenge Words **minister** **administer** **administration**

1. The president of the new _____ was eager to get started with his duties.
2. The doctor wanted to _____ the medicine before the patient regained consciousness.
3. The young nurse was extremely gentle as she _____(ed) to the sick.

Root: **not** (L) *Meaning:* **mark**

Challenge Words **notation** **notable** **notice**

1. There's a _____ in the margin of the cookbook recommending to add a teaspoon of salt to the recipe.
2. It was a _____ occasion when my dad helped clear the dinner dishes from the table.
3. Did you _____ how red and rough my hands get from the cold weather?

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Root: **opt** (L) *Meaning:* **best**

Challenge Words **optimum** **optimist** **optimal**

1. The weatherman was an _____ when he predicted we would get much needed rain this week.
2. To get _____ performance out of your new tires, keep the correct air pressure in them.
3. The _____ time to take this medicine for acid reflux is when your stomach is empty.

Root: **sol** (L) *Meaning:* **alone**

Challenge Words **solo** **solitary** **desolate**

1. The inexperienced pilot was afraid to fly _____.
2. Feeling _____ and friendless, the teen-age girl decided to attend a church youth-group meeting.
3. The enraged prisoner was given _____ confinement until he cooled off.

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Set 5: Practice

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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 commun	**MEANING** common
Root fug	**MEANING** flee
Root grat	**MEANING** pleasing

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Root	MEANING
jur	law
lust	shine
minist	serve
not	mark
opt	best
sol	alone

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Name _____

Set 5: Check Up

Date _____

Gauging progress…

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

Word Box

refugee	jurisconsult	soliloquy	communal	
optimize	administrator	lackluster	gratifying	denote

1. The raft of _____(s) who had fled Cuba two days earlier came ashore in Florida unharmed.
2. It was _____ to see everyone enjoy the bread she had made from scratch.
3. The law firm decided it was time to bring in a _____ who specialized in international law.
4. Although the car salesman said the car was brand new, its _____ appearance said otherwise.
5. The new college _____ told entering freshmen that they had more paperwork to fill out before they could start classes.
6. The observant students made note of the fact that the teacher's raised voice _____(d) his growing impatience.
7. To _____ your best performance, eat well and get plenty of sleep.
8. Everyone working together is what can make _____ living work.
9. The actor sat upon the stage and recited his _____ as if no one was in the audience.

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