Word Roots

Set 4: 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.

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Root: **apt, ept** (L) *Meaning:* **suitable**

Challenge Words **inept** **adept** **apt**

1. My younger brother swims so much he is _____ to grow fins.
2. The skilled woodworker was _____ at building the book shelves we needed.
3. Having never played volley ball before, my brother was _____ at returning the ball.

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Root: **clud** (L) *Meaning*: **shut**

Challenge Words **include** **conclude** **exclude**

1. While suffering from depression, the young woman tended to _____ herself from her friends.
2. Our preacher likes to _____ his sermons with some humor.
3. Don't forget to _____ your telephone number on the information sheet.

Root: **imag** (L) *Meaning*: **likeness**

Challenge Words **image** **imagine** **imaginative**

1. After only a few days of teaching nursery school, the new teacher came to understand how _____ children are.
2. The _____ of the beautiful bride walking down the aisle was a sight to behold.
3. As the child gleefully told his mother about his day at the new playground, she could _____ how much fun he had had.

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Root: **lum** (L) *Meaning:* **light**

Challenge Words **luminous** **illuminate** **luminescent**

1. To make the room more festive, the hostess decided to _____ the room by hanging glowing lanterns.
2. The _____ object in the sky that shines rightly an hour after dusk is the planet Venus.
3. Despite the flashlight's weak battery, the _____ light lit the narrow hallway.

Root: **mim** (L) *Meaning:* **same**

Challenge Words **mimic** **pantomine**

1. The parrot would _____ almost everything the shopkeeper said.
2. I love to play charades because I get to _____.

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Root: **opt** (G) *Meaning:* **eye**

Challenge Words **optometrist** **optic** **optical**

1. The blind man's _____ nerve had been severed so he would never be able to see again.
2. The _____ checked my eyes and told me I needed to get stronger glasses.
3. The parched nomad thought he saw a pool of clean water in the distance but it was only an _____ illusion.

Root: **phob** (G) *Meaning:* **fear**

Challenge Words **claustrophobia** **acrophobia** **hemophobia**

1. My brother will not get in a plane for he suffers from severe _____.
2. My sister is _____ and will not get in an elevator.
3. And as for me, I suffer from _____ and faint at the sight of blood!

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Root: **rid** (L) *Meaning:* **laugh**

Challenge Words **ridiculous** **deride** **derisive**

1. The _____ laughter when the guest speaker tripped at the podium made her turn and run off stage.
2. I don't like it when my neighbor _____(s) her husband for stuttering.
3. The grown man looked _____ in a woman's wig and housecoat.

Root: **ver** (L) *Meaning:* **turn**

Challenge Words **convert** **reverse** **introvert**

1. The shy girl was quite the _____ and preferred to spend her time with books and her garden.
2. The broken down car would not go into _____, so we could only park where we could pull through.
3. My dad who is a Democrat constantly tries to _____ his Republican friends.

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Set 4: Practice

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 apt, ept	**MEANING** suitable
Root clud	**MEANING** shut
Root imag	**MEANING** likeness

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Root	MEANING
lum	light
mim	same
opt	eye
phob	phobia
rid	laugh
ver	turn

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Name _____

Set 4: Check Up

Date _____

Gauging progress…

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

Word Box

mime	versatile	aptitude	optician	
luminosity	imagery	zenophobe	ridicule	excluded

1. I don't like to see any child _____ from group activities.
2. Being a _____, the woman was excessively fearful of strangers.
3. _____ actresses can turn from being sweet to vicious in a heartbeat.
4. My eldest son shows great _____ in math, a subject that suits his him well
5. Carefully, the _____ took the cracked lens out of the frame and repaired my father's reading glasses.
6. It was funny how the _____ at the festival did the same movements of some of the people in the crowd.
7. The way the author described the storm created powerful mental _____.
8. Some people _____ and make fun of others because it makes them feel superior.
9. The _____ of the candles created a romantic atmosphere.

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