**Roots, Critical Vocabulary, and Vocabulary Building**

**Definitions**

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**Week 1 (Prefixes & Critical Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: a, an**

**Definition:** not, without

1. **Root: ante**

**Definition:** before

1. **Root: anti, ant**

**Definition:** against

1. **Root:** **bene, bon**

**Definition:** well, good

1. **Root: bi**

**Definition:** both, double, twice

1. **CV: Analyze**

**Definition:** Break something down into its parts

1. **CV: Identify**

**Definition:** Find; point out

1. **CV: Infer**

**Definition:** Conclude; use information to make educated guesses based on prior knowledge

1. **CV: Support**

**Definition:** Hold up; prove; note

1. **CV: Explain**

**Definition:** Show clearly

**Week 2 (Prefixes & Critical Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: co**

**Definition:** together, with

1. **Root:** **de**

**Definition:** from, down

1. **Root: extra, extro, exo**

**Definition:** beyond, outside

1. **Root: mal**

**Definition:** bad

1. **Root:** **para**

**Definition:** beside, almost

1. **CV: Cite**

**Definition:** Note; quote

1. **CV: Evidence**

**Definition:** Knowledge on which to base a belief

1. **CV: develop**

**Definition:** Elaborate or expand in detail

1. **CV: connection**

**Definition:** Relating what you read to something else you know

1. **CV: Connotative Language**

**Definition:** The association that a word brings to mind

**Week 3 (Prefixes & Critical Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: peri**

**Definition:** around

1. **Root: post**

**Definition:** after

1. **Root: pre**

**Definition:** before

1. **Root:** **pro**

**Definition:** forward, in favor of

1. **Root: re**

**Definition:** back, again

1. **CV: Articulate**

**Definition:** Express clearly

1. **CV: Evaluate**

**Definition:** Find value; judge

1. **CV: Tone**

**Definition:** The authors outlook or attitude

1. **CV: Mood**

**Definition:** The way the author makes the reader feel

1. **CV: Central Idea/Main Idea**

**Definition:** Most important point the author makes

**Week 4 (Prefixes & Critical Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: sub**

**Definition:** under

1. **Root: super, supr**

**Definition:** above, over, more

1. **Root: syn, sym, sys, syl**

**Definition:** with, together

1. **Root: trans, tra**

**Definition:** across, beyond

1. **Root: in, il, im**

**Definition:** into

1. **CV: Point of View**

**Definition:** The vantage point from which a story is told

1. **CV: Rhetoric**

**Definition:** The art of writing or speaking

1. **CV: Contrast**

**Definition:** Find differences

1. **CV: Paraphrase**

**Definition:** Put in different words

1. **CV: Alliteration**

**Definition:** words in a row with the same initial consonant sound

**Week 5 (Roots & Critical Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** **ali, alter**

**Definition:** other

1. **Root:** **bio**

**Definition:** life

1. **Root:** **cause, cus**

**Definition:** cause, motive

1. **Root:** **dem**

**Definition:** people

1. **Root: fin**

**Definition:** end, finished

1. **CV: Interpret**

**Definition:** Explain the meaning of

1. **CV: Integrate**

**Definition:** Put together

1. **CV: Argument**

**Definition:** A reason or set of reasons that something is true

1. **CV: Describe**

**Definition:** Tell in your own words

1. **CV: Summarize**

**Definition:** Sum up

**Week 6 (Roots & Critical Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: geo**

**Definition:** earth

1. **Root:** **hydr**

**Definition:** water

1. **Root:** **jud**

**Definition:** judge, law

1. **Root: lit**

**Definition:** letters

1. **Root:** **man**

**Definition:** hand

1. **CV: Synthesize**

**Definition:** Combine to form a more complex product

1. **CV: Details**

**Definition:** Isolated facts; points of information

1. **CV: Theme**

**Definition:** A unified idea

1. **CV: Delineate**

**Definition:** Describe in detail

1. **CV: Analogy**

**Definition:** A similarity between like features of two things

**Week 7 (Roots & Critical Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: nov**

**Definition:** new

1. **Root:** **pac**

**Definition:** peace

1. **Root:** **que, qui**

**Definition:** ask, seek

1. **Root:** **sent, sense**

**Definition:** feel

1. **Root:** **therm**

**Definition:** heat

1. **CV: Distinguish**

**Definition:** set apart

1. **CV: Locate**

**Definition:** find

1. **CV: Compare**

**Definition:** find likeness

1. **CV: Refer**

**Definition:** mention

1. **CV: Comprehend**

**Definition:** understand, find meaning

**Week 8 (Roots & Critical Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: uni**

**Definition:** one

1. **Root:** **viv, vita, vita**

**Definition:** life, alive

1. **Root:** **auto**

**Definition:** self

1. **Root:** **ced, ceed**

**Definition:** move, yield, surrender

1. **Root:** **dic, dict**

**Definition:** say, speak

1. **CV: Conclusions**

**Definition:** summing up of an argument or text

1. **CV: Determine**

**Definition:** decide

1. **CV: Retell**

**Definition:** tell in your own words

1. **CV: Demonstrate**

**Definition:** show clearly

1. **CV: Stanza**

**Definition:** A poetry term for paragraph; a section of a poem

**Week 9 (Roots & Critical Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** **fac, fact, fic, fect**

**Definition:** do, make

1. **Root: gen**

**Definition:** birth, race, produce

1. **Root:** **ject**

**Definition:** throw

1. **Root:** **loc**

**Definition:** place

1. **Root:** **mar, mer**

**Definition:** sea, pool

1. **CV: Draw**

**Definition:** Take or pull out

1. **CV: Structure**

**Definition:** Organization of text

1. **CV: Organize**

**Definition:** Arrange; classify

1. **CV: Explicitly**

**Definition:** Fully or clearly expressed

1. **CV: Suggest**

**Definition:** Put forth; to say

**Week 10 (Roots & Critical Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: ped, pod**

**Definition:** foot

1. **Root: scrib, script**

**Definition:** write

1. **Root: tact, tang, tag, tig, ting**

**Definition:** touch

1. **Root: vale, vali, valu**

**Definition:** strength, worth

1. **Root: arch**

**Definition:** chief, first, rule

1. **CV: Illustrations**

**Definition:** Visual material used to clarify or add to a text

1. **CV: Trace**
2. **Definition:** Outline; follow the course of
3. **CV: Figurative Language**

**Definition:** Figures of speech used to make meaning clearer

1. **CV: Metaphor**

**Definition:** An indirect comparison

1. **CV: Simile**

**Definition:** A direct comparison using like or as

**Week 11 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** centri

**Definition:** center

1. 2. **Root:** deca

**Definition:** ten

1. 3. **Root:** fort, forc

**Definition:** strong

1. 4. **Root:** graph, gram

**Definition:** write, written

1. **Root:** juven

**Definition:** young

1. **BV:** infatuated

**Definition: extremely attracted to something or someone**

1. **BV:** mortified

**Definition: humiliated; embarrassed**

1. **BV:** vindictive

**Definition: wanting revenge; unforgiving**

1. **BV:** minuscule

**Definition: very small**

1. **BV:** pseudonym

**Definition: false name; pen name**

**Week 12 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** liver, liber

**Definition:** free

1. **Root:** mania

**Definition:** madness

1. **Root:** path

**Definition:** feeling, suffering

1. **Root:** sci

**Definition:** know

1. **Root:** tempo

**Definition:** time

1. **BV:** intermittent

**Definition: not continuous; stopping and starting**

1. **BV:** impeccable

**Definition: faultless; free of error**

1. **BV:** compel

**Definition: to force**

1. **BV:** lackluster

**Definition: dull; lacking brightness**

1. **BV:** intricate

**Definition: complicated; involved; detailed**

**Week 13 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** trib

**Definition:** pay, bestow

1. **Root:** vac

**Definition:** empty

1. **Root:** voc

**Definition:** call

1. **Root:** am, amor

**Definition:** love, like

1. **Root:** chron

**Definition:** time

1. **BV:** expectorate

**Definition: to spit**

1. **BV:** amble

**Definition: to walk slowly or leisurely**

1. **BV:** meager

**Definition: small in amount**

1. **BV:** guffaw

**Definition: a loud, coarse burst of laughter**

1. **BV:** gumption

**Definition: initiative and courage; “get-up-and-go”**

**Week 14 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** derm

**Definition:** skin

1. **Root:** fract, frag

**Definition:** break

1. **Root:** jur, jus

**Definition:** law

1. **Root:** lith

**Definition:** stone

1. **Root:** magn

**Definition:** great

1. **BV:** monotonous

**Definition: boring because it is all the same**

1. **BV:** hoodwink

**Definition: to trick, confuse or deceive**

1. **BV:** gargantuan

**Definition: huge; gigantic**

1. **BV:** palatial

**Definition: suitable for a palace or palace-like**

1. **BV:** glutton

**Definition: someone who eats or consumes an amazing amount**

**Week 15 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: micro**

**Definition:** small

1. **Root: mori, mort, mors**

**Definition:** mortal, death

1. **Root: pater, patr**

**Definition:** father

1. **4. Root: phil**

**Definition:** love

1. **Root: sen**

**Definition:** old

1. **BV:** vast

**Definition: very large**

1. **BV:** dumbfounded

**Definition: speechless because of shock or amazement**

1. **BV:** tyrant

**Definition: a ruler who abuses power**

1. **BV:** blunder

**Definition: a stupid or clumsy mistake**

1. **BV:** gawk

**Definition: to stare stupidly**

**Week 16 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** spir

**Definition:** breath

1. **Root:** terra

**Definition:** earth

1. **Root:** tox

**Definition:** poison

1. **Root:** vid, vis

**Definition:** see

1. **Root:** vol

**Definition:** will

1. **BV:** vehement

**Definition: forceful; full of intense feeling**

1. **BV:** aghast

**Definition: feeling great horror or dismay**

1. **BV:** eccentric

**Definition: out-of-the-ordinary; odd; unconventional**

1. **BV:** paradox

**Definition: a statement that seems inconsistent or contradictory but may be true**

1. **BV:** destitute

**Definition: living in poverty**

**Week 17 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** ag, agi, ig, act

**Definition:** do, move, go

1. **Root:** cide

**Definition:** kill

1. **Root:** cognosc, gnosi

**Definition:** know

1. **Root:** cred

**Definition:** believe

1. **Root:** doc

**Definition:** teach

1. **BV:** kleptomaniac

**Definition: someone who is addicted to stealing**

1. **BV:** gaunt

**Definition: thin and bony**

1. **BV:** seethe

**Definition: to boil; to be violently agitated or disturbed**

1. **BV:** persnickety

**Definition: too fussy or picky**

1. **BV:** vivacious

**Definition: full of life; spirited**

**Week 18 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** leg

**Definition: law**

1. **2.Root:** loqu, locut

**Definition:** talk, speak

1. **Root:** matri, matro, mater

**Definition:** mother

1. **Root:** mob, mot, mov

**Definition:** move

1. **Root:** phobia

**Definition:** fear

1. **BV:** effervescent

**Definition: bubbly; lively**

1. **BV:** ominous

**Definition: threatening**

1. **BV:** frivolous

**Definition: silly; impractical**

1. **BV:** fluke

**Definition: luck; chance**

1. **BV:** ludicrous

**Definition: laughable; absurd**

**Week 19 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: photo-**

**Definition: light**

1. **Root: poli-**

**Definition: city**

1. **Root: posse, potent-**

**Definition: power**

1. **Root: salv, salu-**

**Definition: safe, healthy**

1. **Root: sequ, secu, sue-**

**Definition: follow**

1. **BV:** venomous

**Definition: filled with deep hatred**

1. **BV:** boisterous

**Definition: noisy and rowdy**

1. **BV:** extemporaneous

**Definition: impromptu; done or spoken with little preparation**

1. **BV:** diligent

**Definition: careful and hard-working**

1. **BV:** oblivious

**Definition: unaware**

**Week 20 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: tele**

**Definition: far**

1. **Root: vert, vers**

**Definition: turn**

1. **Root: cise**

**Definition: cut**

1. **Root: corp**

**Definition: body**

1. **Root:** **cycl**

**Definition: wheel, circular**

1. **BV:** ethical

**Definition: moral or right**

1. **BV:** prominent

**Definition: outstanding; distinguished; readily noticeable**

1. **BV:** fickle

**Definition: very changeable in affection, loyalty, etc.**

1. **BV:** lucrative

**Definition: bringing in a lot of money**

1. **BV:** inadvertent

**Definition: unintentional**

**Week 21 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: civ-**

**Definition: citizen**

1. **Root: cosm-**

**Definition: universe, world**

1. **Root: dynam-**

**Definition: power**

1. **Root: log –**

**Definition: word, study, speech**

1. **Root: medi-**

**Definition: half, middle, between**

1. **BV:** faux

**Definition: false; artificial**

1. **BV:** dilapidated

**Definition: falling to pieces; broken down**

1. **BV:** fiasco

**Definition: a complete failure**

1. **BV:** dupe

**Definition: to fool, tick or cheat someone**

1. **BV:** cantankerous

**Definition: quarrelsome; argumentative**

**Week 22 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: mega-**

**Definition: great**

1. **Root: mem**

**Definition: remember**

1. **Root: mon-**

**Definition: remind, warn**

1. **Root: phon-**

**Definition: sound**

1. **Root: port-**

**Definition: carry**

1. **BV:** diffuse

**Definition: to spread out**

1. **BV:** ambiguous

**Definition: unclear; having more than one meaning**

1. **BV:** futile

**Definition: useless; in vain**

1. **BV:** emulate

**Definition: to strive to equal or surpass another**

1. **BV:** epitome

**Definition: someone or something that shows all the typical qualities of a group or class**

**Week 23 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** prim

**Definition:** first

1. **Root:** solo, soli

**Definition:** alone

1. **Root:** vict, vinc

**Definition:** conquer

1. **Root:** anthrop

**Definition:** man(kind)

1. **Root:** crat, cracy

**Definition:** rule, strength

1. **BV:** sinister

**Definition: evil**

1. **BV:** balderdash

**Definition: nonsense**

1. **BV:** skulk

**Definition: to slink or move in a slinking way**

1. **BV:** versatile

**Definition: adaptable**

1. **BV:** grisly

**Definition: terrifying; gory; gruesome**

**Week 24 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** lic

**Definition:** permit

1. **Root:** morph

**Definition:** form

1. **Root:** pop

**Definition:** people

1. **Root:** proto

**Definition:** first

1. **Root:** psych

**Definition:** mind, soul

1. **BV:** placate

**Definition: to do something to make someone stop being angry**

1. **BV:** quibble

**Definition: to argue over picky, unimportant details**

1. **BV:** malady

**Definition: illness; disease**

1. **BV:** condone

**Definition: to forgive or overlook**

1. **BV:** obstinate

**Definition: stubborn; unwilling to budge**

**Week 25 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: lic-**

**Definition: permit**

1. **Root: morph-**

**Definition: form**

1. **Root: pop-**

**Definition: people**

1. **Root: proto-**

**Definition: first**

1. **Root: psych-**

**Definition: mind, soul**

1. **BV:** reciprocate

**Definition: to return a favor or feeling**

1. **BV:** befuddle

**Definition: to confuse**

1. **BV:** verbatim

**Definition: exactly word for word**

1. **BV:** abhor

**Definition: to hate or detest**

1. **BV:** incensed

**Definition: angry; enraged**

**Week 26 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: sign-**

**Definition: sign, mark, seal**

1. **Root: spec, spect-**

**Definition: look**

1. **Root: stru, struct-**

**Definition: build**

1. **Root: typ-**

**Definition: print**

1. **Root: ven, vent-**

**Definition: come**

1. **BV:** indignant

**Definition: angry over something that is mean or unjust**

1. **BV:** corpulent

**Definition: obese**

1. **BV:** despondent

**Definition: dejected; hopeless**

1. **BV:** insolent

**Definition: boldly disrespectful and arrogant**

1. **BV:** omnipotent

**Definition: all-powerful**

**Week 27 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root: carn-**

**Definition: flesh**

1. **Root: later, lat-**

**Definition: side, broad**

1. **Root: put-**

**Definition: think**

1. **Root: flex, flect**

**Definition: bend**

1. **Root: hum-**

**Definition: earth, ground, man**

1. **BV:** stringent

**Definition: severe; srict**

1. **BV:** benevolent

**Definition: kind**

1. **BV:** belligerent

**Definition: showing a readiness to argue or quarrel**

1. **BV:** virtuoso

**Definition: someone who shows great technical skill in some fine art, especially music**

1. **BV:** coalition

**Definition: a union, group or alliance**

**Week 28 (Roots & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** dox

**Definition:** opinion, praise

1. **Root:** cap, cip, cept

**Definition:** take

1. **Root:** grad, gress

**Definition:** step, go

1. **Root:** duc, duct

**Definition:** lead

1. **Root:** flu, fluc, fluv

**Definition:** flowing

1. **BV:** cliché

**Definition: a stale, over-used expression**

1. **BV:** gobbledygook

**Definition: words that are confusing and needlessly official-sounding**

1. **BV:** bravado

**Definition: false, showy bravery**

1. **BV:** facsimile

**Definition: an exact copy or reproduction**

1. **BV:** concise

**Definition: brief and to the point**

**Week 29 (Roots-suffixes & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** able, ible

**Definition:** able, can do

1. **Root:** al

**Definition:** relating to

1. **Root:** ar, er, or

**Definition:** one who, that which

1. **Root:** dom

**Definition:** quality, realm

1. **Root:** ee

**Definition:** one who receives the action

1. **BV:** candor

**Definition: honesty and straightforwardness**

1. **BV:** filibuster

**Definition: the making of long speeches to prevent a vote on a bill**

1. **BV:** misnomer

**Definition: a wrong or inaccurate name for something**

1. **BV:** smitten

**Definition: struck with a powerful feeling; inspired with love**

1. **BV:** astute

**Definition: clever; intelligent; cunning**

**Week 30 (Roots-suffixes & Building Vocabulary)**

1. **Root:** ic

**Definition:** nature of, like

1. **Root:** ish

**Definition:** origin, nature, resembling

1. **Root:** ism

**Definition:** system, manner, condition characteristic

1. **Root:** ous

**Definition:** full of, having

1. **Root:** ate, fy, ize

**Definition:** to cause, make

1. **BV:** precocious

**Definition: smart for his or her age; showing skills or abilities at an earlier age than normal**

1. **BV:** gregarious

**Definition: sociable; fond of the company of others**

1. **BV:** vicariously

**Definition: through someone else, as in experiencing something by imagined participation in someone else’s experience**

1. **BV:** carcinogenic

**Definition: cancer-causing**

1. **BV:** altruistic

**Definition: unselfishly interested in the welfare of others**