

ROOT WORDS: Getting to the Root of Vocabulary

ROOT WORD SET 1:

ASTER, ASTRO (star) -- disastrous
AUD, AUS (hear, listen) -- auscultation
BIBL (book) -- bibliopegy
CHRON (time) -- anachronism
CRED (believe) -- accreditation
DUC, DUCT (lead) -- Il Duce
GRAM, GRAPH (write) -- lexicographer
MAN, MANU (hand) -- manumit
MORI, MORS, MORT (death) -- memento mori
VIT, VIV (alive, life) -- vivisepture

ROOT WORD SET 2:

CHROM (color) -- achromatic
DEM (people) -- pandemic
DERM (skin) -- ectoderm
FED, FID (trust, faith) -- perfidy
FIN (end, limit) -- fin de siecle
FLU (flow) -- effluent
GEN (race, kind, birth) -- parthenogenesis
GREG (group, flock, herd) -- egregious
MIS, MIT (send) -- mittimus
PORT (carry) -- portfolio

ROOT WORD SET 3:

AVI (bird) -- aviculture
DIC, DICT (say, speak) -- contradiction
FAC, FEC, FIC (make) -- fecund
GEO (earth, ground) -- geocentric
HYDR (water) -- dehydrate
METER, METR (measure) -- symmetry
NOV (new) -- novice
PHON (sound) -phonious
PHOTO (light) -- photokinesis
SCRIB, SCRIP (write, draw) -- circumscribe

ROOT WORD SET 4:

BEN, BON (good) -- bona fide
COR, CORP (body) -- corpus delecti
LUC, LUM, LUS (light, shine) -- pellucid
MAL (bad) -- malapropism
MUT (change) -- commute
PED, POD (foot) -- tripod
PHIL (love) -- philodox
TOR, TORT (turn, twist) -- retort
VER (true, real) -- verisimilitude
VICT, VINC (conquer) -- vincible

ROOT WORD SET 5:

FER (bring, bear) -- transfer
JECT (throw) -- interject
NAIS, NASC, NAT (to be born) -- innate
PAC (peace) -- pacify
PYR (fire) -- pyrotechnics
THE, THEO (god) -- theody
VEN (come) -- advent
VERS, VERT (turn) -- advertize
VID, VIS (see) -- vista
ZO (animal) -- protozoa

ROOT WORD SET 6:

HETERO (different) -- heterogynous
HOM (man) -- homage
HOMO (same) -- homonym
MEM, MIM (remember) -- memorabilia
MOR (fool) -- moron
PSYCH (mind) -- psychosomatic
SOPH (wise) -- sophism
SPEC, SPIC (see, watch) -- retrospect
TEN, TENT (hold) -- tendentious
TRACT (draw, pull) -- distraction

ROOT WORDS SET 7:

ANTHROP (man, human) -- misanthrope
ARCH (ruler, first) -- genarch
CEDE, CEED, CESS (move, go) -- antecedent
CLAR (clear) -- clarion
LOG, LOC, LOQ (word, speech) -- eloquent
PEN, PEND (hang) -- impending
PON, POS (place, put) -- posture
SCI (know) -- prescient
STA, STI, SIST (stand) -- static
STRU, STRUCT (build) -- construe

ROOT WORD SET 8:

ANNI, ANNU, ENNI (year) -- annuity
BIO (life) -- biota
CLAIM, CLAM (call out) -- clamor
CLUD, CLUS (shut) -- occlusor
DENT, DONT (tooth) -- dentiloquy
GNOSI, COGNOSC (know) -- cognition
OPUS, OPER (work) -- opuscle
RECT (straight, correct) -- recto
TEM, TEMP, TEMPOR (time) -- pro temp
VOC, VOK (call, voice) -- evocative

ROOT WORD SET 9:

ACER, ACID, ACRI (bitter, sour, sharp) -- acrid
 CIDE (kill) -- patricide
 CISE (cut) -- circumcision
 LOC (place) -- locomotion
 PAN (all) -- pandemic
 PARA (beside, alongside) -- paralegal
 PUNCT (point, dot) -- punctual
 SAT, SATIS (enough) -- saturate
 VAL, VALE (strength, worth) -- valedictorian
 VIC, VICIS (change, substitute, deputy) --vicarious

ROOT WORD SET 10:

AMBUL (walk) -- ambulance
 CAPIT, CAPT (chief, head) -- decapitate
 COR, COUR (heart) -- discourage
 GRAT (pleasing) -- ingratiate
 MATER, MATR (mother) -- matriarchy
 OMNI (all, everything) --omnivorous
 PATER, PATR (father) -- patriarchy
 PHOB (fear) -- agoraphobia
 ROG, ROGA (ask, beg) -- interrobang
 SANGUI (blood) -- exsanguinate

ROOT WORD SET 11:

AGRI, AGRO (field, farm, land) -- agriculture
 ANTE, ANTI (before) -- anticipate
 AUT, AUTO (self) -- autism
 CIRC, CIRCUM (around) -- circumnavigate
 FLECT, FLEX (bend, turn) -- reflect
 HELIO (sun) – aphelion, perihelion
 LIC, LICIT (permit) -- license
 MAGNA, MAGNI (great) -- magnify
 MICRO (small, minute) -- microbe
 MIS, MISO (hate, wrong, bad) -- mistrial

ROOT WORD SET 12:

AGON (contest, struggle) -- agony
 AMB, AMBI (both, around, about) -- ambivalent
 APO (away from) -- apocalypse
 MOB, MOT, MOV (move) -- motivation
 MORPH (form) -- anthropomorphic
 PATH (feeling, suffering, disease) -- pathologist
 PEL, PULS (drive, force, throw) -- compulsory
 RIDI, RISI, RI (laughter) -- ridicule
 RUPT (broken) -- bankrupt
 URB (city) -- interurban

ROOT WORD SET 13:

ALI, ALLO, ALTER (other, another) -- alien
 JUNCT (join) -- junction
 LAV, LUT (wash) -- lavatory
 LEG (law) -- legislature
 LIT, LITER (letter) -- literature
 MAR, MER (sea, pool) -- marina
 OSS, OSTEO (bone) -- osteoporosis
 SPOND, SPONS (pledge, answer) -- sponsor
 TECH, TECHN (skill, art) -- technology
 TUI, TUIT (teach, guard) -- tuition

ROOT WORD Set 14: Numbers

MONO, UNI (one, single) – monarch, unicorn
 BI, DI, DU (two) – bicycle, duplex
 TRI (three) -- triangle
 QUAD, QUAR (four) -- quartet
 QUINT, PENT (five) – quintuplets, pentagram
 DEC (ten) -- decade
 CENT (hundred) -- centipede
 MILLE (thousand) -- millennium
 HEMI, DEMI, SEMI (half) – hemisphere, demigod
 POLY (many) -- polygamy

ROOT WORD SET 15: Prefixes

AD (to, toward) -- adhesive
 CON (with, together) -- congregate
 EX, EC (out, from) – exit, eccentric
 INTER (between, among) -- intermission
 INTRA (within) -- intravenous
 PRE (before) -- preamble
 PRO (forward, forth) -- procrastinate
 RE (back, again) -- renovate
 SUB (under, beneath) -- submarine
 TRANS (across, through, over) --

ROOT WORD SET 16: Suffixes

-ABLE, -IBLE (able, can do) -- biodegradable
 -AL (relating to) -- sensual
 -CIAN (having a certain skill or art) -- beautician
 -DOM (office, state) -- freedom
 -ISH (resembling, nature) -- foolish
 -IST (one who) -- dentist
 -IZE (make) -- immunize
 -LESS (without) -- homeless
 -LY (like, manner of) -- brotherly
 -NESS (state of) -- kindness

ROOT WORD SET 17:

AER, AIR (air, gas) -- aerodynamics
AMAT, AMO (to love) -- amateur
ANIM (mind, passion, soul) -- reanimate
BREV (short) -- abbreviate
GRAD, GRESS (step, degree) -- egress
NEO (new, young) -- neonatal
PEL, PULS (drive, push, throw) -- compulsive
POST (after, behind, follow) -- P.M., P.S.
SCOPE (see, look at) -- kaleidoscope
SIMIL, SIMUL (like, resemble) -- simile

ROOT WORD SET 18:

BAR, BARO (heavy, weight) -- bariatric
CHIRO (hand) -- chiropractor
DOM (home, house) -- domestic
DORM (sleep) -- dormitory
SENT, SENS (feel, think) -- sentient
SUME, SUMPT (take, use, waste) -- consumer
TANG, TACT (to touch) -- tangible
TEL, TELE (far) -- telecommute
TERR (land, earth) -- terrarium
VAC (empty) -- vacuum

ROOT WORD SET 19:

APT (to fit, to adjust) -- adapter
BEL, BELLI (war) -- belligerent
CYCL, CYCLO (wheel, circle) -- cyclone
DOMIN (to rule) -- dominatrix
DOX (opinion, belief) -- orthodox
EU (good, well) -- eugenics
POLIS, POLIT (city, citizen)
PSEUDO (false) -- pseudonym
RAT, RATIO (reason, plan) -- rationale
VAG (to wander) -- vagrant

ROOT WORD SET 20:

CIVI, CIVIL (city, citizen) -- civilized
CURR, CURS (to run) -- cursive
DIS- (not, take away) -- disarm
DYNA (power) -- dynamic
EPI (above, upon, over) -- epitaph
GAMY (marriage) -- monogamy
JUD, JUS, JUR (law, judge) -- prejudice
-OLOGY (study, science, theory) -- biology
PLU, PLUR, PLUS (more) -- plurality
TRIB (pay, bestow) -- tribute

LEFTOVERS

AG, ACT (to do, to drive)
ANGEL (messenger)
ARM (to give weapons)
ART (art, skill)
CAD, CAS (to fall)
CIT, CITAT (to summon, to put into motion)
COMPL, COMPLET (to fill)
DOC, DOCT (to teach, to prove)
FAM (to report)
FIX (to fasten)
FUND, FUS (to pour)
IN-, IM-, IR-, IL- (not)
LEG, LECT (to choose, to read)
MACRO (large, excessive)
MAGNA, MAGNI (great)
MEGA, MEGALO (large)
MELO (song)
MON, MONIT (to warn, to remind)
SED, SESS (to sit)
SERV (to serve)
SOL, SOLUT (to lose)
STRING, strict (tighten)
SURG, SURRECT (to rise)
TROP, TROPE (turning)
ULTIMA (last)
ULTRA (beyond, exceeding, ulterior)