It’s ROOT-imentary! (Teacher Guide)

**Directions**: Determine the meaning of the word part.

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| Prefix | Examples | Prefix Meaning |
| Auto- | Autobiography, autocratic, autonomous, autograph, autoimmune | Self |
| De- | Decompress, deconstruct, deaccelate, decriminalize | Do the opposite of |
| Ex- | External, exterior, extraterrestrial, exit, explore | Out; out of; from |
| Inter- | Interact, internet, interdisciplinary, interchangeable | Between; among |
| Omni- | Omnipotent, omnivorous, omniscient, omnivores, omniarch | All |
| Sub- | Subzero, subconscious, submarine, submerge, submissive | Under; beneath; below |
| Tele- | Telephone, telepathy, television, telegraph, teleport | Distant; at a distance; over a distance |
| Suffix | Examples | Suffix Meaning |
| -ary | Infirmary, cautionary, dietary, missionary, urinary, visionary | Pertaining to |
| -ation | Moderation, nation, hibernation, combination, concentration | Indicating an action, process, state, condition, or result |
| -cide | Germicide, pesticide, herbicide, homicide, insecticide | Cut; kill |
| -dom | Boredom, freedom, kingdom, seldom, fandom, wisdom | State or condition; rank or office; domain |
| -ery | Imagery, pottery, bakery, trickery, witchery, eatery | Pertaining to |
| -ium | Helium, ammonium chloride, lithium, platinum | Indicating a metallic element or groups forming positive ions, or a biological structure |
| -tude | Altitude, gratitude, attitude, magnitude, latitude, multitude | Indicating state or condition |
| Root | Examples | Root Meaning |
| Apt | Aptitude, adapt, baptize, aptness | Fit; proper; suited |
| Aqu | Aquatic, aquarium, aquanaut, aqualung | Water |
| Bene | Benefit, benign, beneficiary, benevolent, benefactor | Good; well |
| Biblio | Bibliography, bibliophile, bibliotheca | Book |
| Cand | Candle, candelabra, candescence, candid, candor | Glowing; iridescent |
| Cede | Intercede, concede, secede, recede, precede | To go; to yield |
| Cept | Concept, interception, perception, reception | Take; hold |
| Crit / Cris | Criticism, crisis, critique, critic, criterion, criteria | To separate; judge |
| Crypt | Cryptic, encrypted, cryptography, cryptology | Hidden; secret |
| Dict | Dictionary, diction, dictate, dictator, dictar | To say |
| Fer | Transfer, inference, defer, fertile, refer, suffer | Bring; bear; carry |
| Gen | Generation, generate, genocide, geneology, general | Race; family; kind |
| Jur | Jury, jurisdiction, perjury, juris doctorate, juror, jurada | Law |
| Nom / Nomin | Nominate, misnomer, nominal, nomad, nombre | Name |
| Path | Pathetic, antipathy, empathy, apathy, sympathy, psychopath, pathos | Emotions |
| Spec | Spectacle, inspect, specify, spectrum, spectate | Look at; examine |
| Tract | Tractor, attraction, traction, subtraction, abstract, distract | Draw; drag; pull |

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