

IT'S ROOT-IMENTARY! (TEACHER GUIDE)

Directions: Determine the meaning of the word part.

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

Sources

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