

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
GRAPH (write) -- lexicographer
MAN (hand) -- manumit
MOR, 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) -- euphonious
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 (time) -- pro temp
VOC, VOK (call, voice) -- evocative

ROOT WORD SET 9:

ACER, ACID, ACRI (bitter, sour, sharp)
 CIDE KILL)
 CISE (cut)
 LOC (place)
 PAN (all)
 PARA (beside, alongside)
 PUNCT (point, dot)
 SAT, SATIS (enough)
 VAL, VALE (strength, worth)
 VIC, VICIS (change, substitute, deputy)

ROOT WORD SET 10:

AMBUL (walk)
 CAPIT, CAPT (chief, head)
 COR, COUR (heart)
 GRAT (pleasing)
 MATER, MATR (mother)
 OMNI (all, everything)
 PATER, PATR (father)
 PHOB (fear)
 ROG, ROGA (ask, beg)
 SANGUI (blood)

ROOT WORD SET 11:

AGRI, AGRO (field, farm, land)
 ANTE, ANTI (before)
 AUT, AUTO (self)
 CIRC, CIRCUM (around)
 FLECT, FLEX (bend, turn)
 HELIO (sun)
 LIC, LICIT (permit)
 MAGNA, MAGNI (great)
 MICRO (small, minute)
 MIS, MISO (hate, wrong, bad)

ROOT WORD SET 12:

AGON (contest, struggle)
 AMB, AMBI (both, around, about)
 APO (away from)
 MOB, MOT, MOV (move)
 MORPH (form)
 PATH (feeling, suffering, disease)
 PEL, PULS (drive, force, throw)
 RIDI, RISI, RI (laughter)
 RUPT (broken)
 URB (city)

ROOT WORD SET 13:

ALI, ALLO, ALTER (other)
 JUNCT (join)
 LAV, LUT (wash)
 LEG (law)
 LIT, LITER (letter)
 MAR, MER (sea, pool)
 OSS, OSTEO (bone)
 SPOND, SPONS (pledge, answer)
 TECH, TECHN (skill, art)
 TUI, TUIT (teach, guard)

ROOT WORD Set 14: Numbers

MONO, UNI (one)
 BI, DI, DU (two)
 TRI (three)
 QUAD (four)
 QUINT, PENT (five)
 DEC (ten)
 CENT (hundred)
 MILLE (thousand)
 HEMI, DEMI, SEMI (half)
 POLY (many)

ROOT WORD SET 15: Prefixes

AD (to, toward)
 CON (with, together)
 EX (out, from)
 INTER (between, among)
 INTRA (within)
 PRE (before)
 PRO (forward, forth)
 RE (back, again)
 SUB (under, beneath)
 TRANS (across, through, over)

ROOT WORD SET 16: Suffixes

-ABLE, -IBLE (able, can do)
 -AL (relating to)
 -CIAN (having a certain skill or art)
 -DOM (office, state)
 -ISH (resembling, nature)
 -IST (one who)
 -IZE (make)
 -LESS (without)
 -LY (like, manner of)
 -NESS (state of)