

### **Root Words - Set 1**

\_\_\_\_\_ is the study of the history of words. Many words from the English language are derived from Greek and Latin roots. By identifying the meaning of Greek and Latin roots, we can find the meaning of the English words that uses that root.

For example, the Latin root MAGNUS means “\_\_\_\_\_.” What does the word “magnificent” mean? What are other examples of English words that uses the Latin root MAGNUS?

Sometimes, we can identify the meaning of Greek and Latin roots based on the definition of the English word. For example, what is the meaning of the Latin root AQUA in the word “aquarium?” Can you think of other words in English that uses the Latin root AQUA?

1. Write the correct Latin or Greek words beside the following definitions.

- a) water \_\_\_\_\_
- b) ten \_\_\_\_\_
- c) great \_\_\_\_\_
- d) good/well \_\_\_\_\_
- e) sound or voice \_\_\_\_\_
- f) to, forward \_\_\_\_\_
- g) breakable \_\_\_\_\_
- h) back, again \_\_\_\_\_
- i) under \_\_\_\_\_
- j) call \_\_\_\_\_

ad	decem	sub	voco	aqua
magnus	bene	fragilis	re	phone

2. Fill in the table below. Think of an English word that uses the ROOT WORDS in the first column. Try to write a definition for each English word without using a dictionary.

ROOTS	ENGLISH WORDS	DEFINITIONS
MAGNUS	<i>Magnificent</i>	<i>Wonderful, great</i>
BENE		
BENE		
AD		
AD		
MAGNUS		
MAGNUS		
RE		
RE		
SUB		
SUB		

## Vocabulary Words - Set 1

1. Write each vocabulary word **3 times** on the space beside the word.
2. Find the definitions for each word using the definitions provided in the box below.
3. Write your own sentences using each vocabulary word. Check which parts of speech each vocabulary word belongs to.
4. Write the vocabulary words in your flashcards.

Make things appear bigger	Answer, response	Growing or living in water	Period of ten years	Tone down
Respond	Early form of gramophone	Uttered by voice	Well-wishing	deduct

1. **benevolent** (adj.) \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. **reply** (verb) \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. **phonograph** \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. **subdue** (verb) \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. **magnify** (verb) \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. **aquatic** (adj.) \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

7. **subtract** \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

8. **react** (verb) \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **vocal** (noun, or adj.) \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

10. **decade** \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

**Replace the following underlined words with the correct vocabulary words from above.**

My sister knows that I like fishes so she bought me a goldfish for my birthday. What a nice person she is! When I saw the goldfish swimming in its watery tank, I acted with great surprise. “How did you know that I wanted a goldfish?” I asked.

“Your friend, David, told me,” my sister said in answer. I hopped up and down on my feet in excitement while my sister tried to tone down my reaction. “Calm down!” she laughed.

“It will take a long time to calm down!” I replied.

## **Vocabulary Words**

1. The *intermittent* rain soaked the garden many different times during the day.
  - a. protracted
  - b. periodic
  - c. incredulous
  - d. light
  
2. In order to get their votes in the next election, the senator responded to all the complaints of her constituents in a *diplomatic* manner.
  - a. tactful
  - b. dismissive
  - c. delaying
  - d. elaborate
  
3. After several small brushfires at the campground, officials felt the need to *augment* the rules pertaining to campfires.
  - a. criticize
  - b. retract
  - c. consider
  - d. expand
  
4. As soon as the details of the election were released to the media, the newspaper was *inundated* with calls—far too many to be handled effectively.
  - a. provided
  - b. bothered
  - c. rewarded
  - d. flooded
  
5. The Marion Police Department’s policy of aggressively recruiting women officers is unmatched, *unique* in every way.
  - a. rigorous
  - b. admirable
  - c. unparalleled
  - d. remarkable
  
6. When people heard that timid Bob had taken up skydiving, they were *incredulous*.
  - a. fearful
  - b. outraged
  - c. convinced
  - d. disbelieving
  
7. The technical department enthusiastically hired Ms. Long because she was *proficient* in the use of computers.
  - a. sincere
  - b. adequate
  - c. competent
  - d. skilled

8. Even under tremendous public pressure, the planning committee would not commit itself wholeheartedly to the proposal and gave only *tentative* approval to the waterfront development plan.
- a. provisional
  - b. ambiguous
  - c. unnecessary
  - d. total
9. Regarding the need for more free refreshments, the group's opinion was enthusiastic and *unanimous*.
- a. divided
  - b. uniform
  - c. adamant
  - d. spirited
10. Since the townspeople were so dissatisfied, various methods to *alleviate* the situation were debated.
- a. ease
  - b. tolerate
  - c. clarify
  - d. intensify
11. The assistant was fast becoming an *indispensable* member of the department, so they had no choice but to offer him a higher salary to stay on.
- a. determined
  - b. experienced
  - c. essential
  - d. creative
12. The attorney wanted to *expedite* the process, because her client was becoming impatient.
- a. accelerate
  - b. evaluate
  - c. reverse
  - d. justify

### **Reading Comprehension**

In prolonged space flight, besides the obvious hazards of meteors, rocky debris, and radiation, astronauts will have to deal with muscle atrophy brought on by weightlessness; therefore, when they return to Earth, they face a protracted period of weight-training to rebuild their strength.

1. What is the most likely meaning of the underlined word *debris* as it is used in this passage?
- a. fragments
  - b. decay
  - c. bacteria
  - d. alien life

2. The underlined word *atrophy*, as used in the paragraph, most nearly means
- a. pain.
  - b. wasting.
  - c. weakening.
  - d. cramping.

Most of the women in the orchestra wore conventional black skirts and white shirts during concerts and had their hair neatly pulled back. Robin, with her brightly colored clothing and unusual hairstyles, was considered quite eccentric.

3. What is the meaning of the underlined word *eccentric* as it is used in the sentence?
- a. unconventional
  - b. joyful
  - c. unreliable
  - d. proud

The Sami are an indigenous people living in the northern parts of Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia's Kola peninsula. Originally, the Sami religion was animistic; that is, for them, nature and natural objects had a conscious life, a spirit. Therefore, one was expected to move quietly in the wilderness and avoid making a disturbance out of courtesy to these spirits. Ghengis Khan is said to have declared that the Sami were one people he would never try to fight again. Because the Sami were not warriors and did not believe in war, they simply disappeared in times of conflict. They were known as "peaceful retreaters."

4. Based on the tone of the passage, which of the following words best describes the author's attitude toward the Sami people?
- a. admiring
  - b. pitying
  - c. contemptuous
  - d. patronizing

5. The closest meaning of the underlined word *animistic*, as it is used in the passage, is
- a. the irrational belief in supernatural beings.
  - b. the belief that animals and plants have souls.
  - c. the belief that animals are gods.
  - d. the primitive belief that people can be reincarnated as animals.

6. What is the meaning of the underlined word *courtesy* as it is used in the passage?
- a. timidity
  - b. caution
  - c. respect
  - d. fear