



## Roots

**Directions:** Review the roots and their meanings in the chart. Then, underline the root in each word and write its definition on the line.

ROOT	MEANING
duce/duct	lead
tract	pull or draw
ped/pod	foot

1. pedal

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2. introduce

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3. tractor

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4. quadruped

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5. podiatrist

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## A Letter to the Mayor

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These problems cause almost every car on the bridge to have to swerve in some way. Drivers are swerving to go around potholes or to avoid pedestrians. I believe that the constant swerving will cause serious accidents.

Since many people depend on the bridge to get to Sunridge, I propose a detour along Route 12. This road is not a busy one, and it is wide enough to handle extra traffic. Our safety is far more important than the fear of traffic jams.

My neighbors wouldn't mind a detour until the bridge is repaired. Some families already use it because they are afraid to go over the bridge. They would rather travel out of their way than risk their lives.

I know how much you care about the town of Bayside. So, I'm not sure why you haven't resolved this issue. Until the Bay Street Bridge is fixed, I refuse to drive over it. I am urging you to close the bridge for repairs.

Sincerely,

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## Fact and Opinion

**Directions:** Refer to the passage “A Letter to the Mayor” and to your notes on your dry-erase board as you complete this page.

Facts	Opinions
1. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	1. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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## Content Vocabulary

**Directions:** Read the vocabulary words. Then, find each word in the Glossary and write its definition.

1. hectic

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2. interact

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3. astonishes

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4. isolated

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5. benefits

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6. navigate

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**Directions:** Think about today’s session. Write about something that was challenging for you. OR Write about what you would like to have more practice with. Write your ideas on the lines below. Make sure you begin each sentence with a capital letter and end each sentence with a punctuation mark.

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**Directions:** Read the following sentences. Use what you know about each root's meaning to choose the word that completes each sentence. Then, write the word on the line.

1. The beautiful display of fruit is meant to \_\_\_\_\_ customers.
2. Our music teacher will \_\_\_\_\_ the orchestra tonight.
3. I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ you to my new neighbor.
4. We stopped our car for a large group of \_\_\_\_\_ who were crossing the street.
5. The mayor stood at the \_\_\_\_\_ as she prepared to give her speech.



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## Fact and Opinion

**Directions:** Refer to the passage “Put Down That Phone” as you complete this page.

Facts	Opinions
4. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	4. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
5. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	5. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
6. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	6. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
7. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	7. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____





## Content Vocabulary

**Directions:** Review the words and their definitions. Then, use the chart to complete the paragraphs below.

WORD	DEFINITION
hectic	full of activity
interact	to communicate with and react to others
astonishes	greatly surprises
isolated	having little contact with others
benefits	advantages
navigate	to find one's way

"It just \_\_\_\_\_ me when I think about how many children have mobile phones these days," my mother said during dinner, "I think they are just too young."

"I know," I replied, "but there are some \_\_\_\_\_ to having them. It makes it easier for parents and children to stay in touch."

My mom wasn't buying it. "I hate to see how \_\_\_\_\_ people have become because of these phones. They don't know how to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other anymore. Children need to learn how to talk to their friends and family, face to face."

I had to add my thoughts. "That's true, but children need to learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ these devices. If they don't learn at a young age, they might be left behind."

It was clear that we had differing opinions on children and mobile phones. But we both could agree on one thing. Despite having \_\_\_\_\_ lives, parents and children should work together to find some balance when it comes to technology.

**Directions:** Think about today’s session. How do you feel about your Vocabulary skills? Write your ideas on the lines below. Make sure you begin each sentence with a capital letter and end each sentence with a punctuation mark.

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## Syllabication

**Directions:** Divide the following words into syllables. Then, read each word.

WORD	WORD DIVIDED INTO SYLLABLES
abducted	
produced	
extract	
tripod	

**Directions:** Complete each sentence with one of the words from above.

1. Mom is good at keeping secrets, so it's hard to \_\_\_\_\_ any information about my birthday present from her.
2. We placed the telescope on a \_\_\_\_\_ in front of a large window.
3. Our sneaky cat \_\_\_\_\_ my baby brother's stuffed animal in the middle of the night!
4. The farm down the street \_\_\_\_\_ many vegetables this year.



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**Directions:** Write a paragraph in which you analyze the author’s argument in “Put Down That Phone.” First, describe the author’s argument or claim. Then, summarize the facts that best support the author’s argument. Finally, give your opinion. Do you think the facts prove the argument? Explain your answer. Make sure you begin each sentence with a capital letter and end each sentence with a punctuation mark. Check your spelling when you are finished writing.

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## Content Vocabulary Review

**Directions:** Review the vocabulary words and definitions. Choose a vocabulary word from the chart and write the word on the line below. Next, write a synonym for the word and an antonym for the word. Then, write one sentence for the word's synonym and one sentence for the word's antonym.

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Vocabulary word: \_\_\_\_\_

Synonym: \_\_\_\_\_

Antonym: \_\_\_\_\_

Synonym Sentence:

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Antonym Sentence:

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**Directions:** Think about today’s session. How do you feel about your Fluency skills? Write your ideas on the lines below. Make sure you begin each sentence with a capital letter and end each sentence with a punctuation mark.

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