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Ten Word Parts in Context

Common word parts—also known as *prefixes*, *suffixes*, and *roots*—are used in forming many words in English. Figure out the meanings of the following ten word parts by looking *closely* and *carefully* at the context in which they appear. Then, in the space provided, write the letter of the meaning closest to that of each word part.

1 ante-, anti-

___ The word part *ante-* or *anti-* means

- Before you enter Tyrone's living room, you pass through a small **anteroom**, where guests can leave their coats.
- A clever saying warns us not to **anticipate** trouble before it happens: "Worrying casts tomorrow's clouds over today's sunshine."
A. after. B. free. C. before.

2 chron, chrono-

___ The word part *chron* or *chrono-* means

- An acute illness is short and usually severe. By contrast, a **chronic** illness lasts a long period of time.
- A resumé should list jobs in reverse **chronological** order—that is, the most recent job should be listed first.
A. time. B. outside. C. alive.

3 -cide

___ The word part *-cide* means

- Do the **pesticides** used in farming kill only pests? Or are they also harmful to humans?
- **Genocide** isn't simply the murder of a number of people. It's the intentional killing of a particular racial, cultural, or political group.
A. alive. B. kill. C. freedom.

4 de-

___ The word part *de-* means

- When the two trains ran into each other, one was **derailed**, but the other stayed on the tracks.
- A good kitchen fan can **deodorize** the room by drawing away strong cooking odors, such as those of onion and garlic.
A. voice. B. preceding. C. removal.

5 dorm

___ The word part *dorm* means

- The volcano has been **dormant** for years, but it may awaken and erupt soon.
- The **dormouse**, or "sleeping mouse," got its name because it hibernates through the winter.
A. lively. B. separation. C. sleep.

6 extra-

___ The word part *extra-* means

- Chang studies hard for his classes, but he's also involved in **extracurricular** activities, including soccer and chess.
- **Extrasensory** perception, or ESP, is the ability to receive information in ways that do not involve the physical senses.
A. enclosed. B. throw. C. outside.

7 ject

___ The word part *ject* means

- The pilot **ejected** from the plane shortly before the crash. Fortunately, his parachute opened in time to save his life.
 - The farther away a **projector** is, the larger the picture it throws onto the screen.
- A. throw. B. keep. C. call.

8 liber, liver

___ The word part *liber* or *liver* means

- Freddy is very **liberal** with advice. He constantly tells all his relatives and friends how they should run their lives.
 - According to the Bible, Moses **delivered** the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt.
- A. alive. B. free. C. outside.

9 vit, viv

___ The word part *vit* or *viv* means

- My elderly aunt still has great **vitality**: she works in a bakery part-time and walks two or three miles every day.
 - People who **survive** a disaster sometimes feel guilty because they lived through it, while others died.
- A. life. B. separation. C. death.

10 voc, vok

___ The word part *voc* or *vok* means

- My father is extremely **vocal** in his disapproval of text-messaging. He always yells at me, "If you want to talk to someone, *use the phone!*"
 - The man on trial for robbery **invoked** his Fifth Amendment rights, saying he would not give any information that could be held against him.
- A. memory. B. voice. C. time.

Matching Word Parts with Definitions

Following are definitions of the ten word parts. Clearly write or print each word part next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word part.

1. _____ Life, lively
2. _____ Outside, beyond
3. _____ Time
4. _____ Free, freedom
5. _____ Away, separation, removal
6. _____ Before, preceding
7. _____ Voice, call
8. _____ Sleep
9. _____ Throw, toss
10. _____ Kill, killing, killer

CAUTION: Do not go any further until you are sure the above answers are correct. Then you can use the definitions to help you in the following practices. Your goal is eventually to know the word parts well enough so that you don't need to check the definitions at all.


Sentence Check 1

Using the answer line provided, complete each *italicized* word below with the correct word part from the box. Use each word part once.

A. ante-, anti-
F. extra-

B. chron
G. ject

C. cide
H. liber

D. de-
I. vit, viv

E. dorm
J. voc, vok

- _____ 1. At the Italian restaurant, we had a(n) (. . . *pasto*) ____ of olives, cheeses, and other appetizers before the main dish.
- _____ 2. I was very tired when I got home from work, but a short nap (*re . . . ed*) ____ me.
- _____ 3. The veterinarian asked Rosa to hold her cat firmly while he gave it an (*in . . . ion*) ____ to protect it from rabies.
- _____ 4. A microwave oven is perfect for (. . . *frosting*) ____ frozen foods in a hurry.
- _____ 5. The conference was held at a college campus, so participants could sleep in the (. . . *itories*) ____ instead of going to hotels.
- _____ 6. In a crisis, people sometimes perform (. . . *ordinary*) ____ feats of strength, like lifting an automobile off a crash victim.
- _____ 7. Modern inventions have (. . . *ated*) ____ us from many household chores. For instance, the dryer frees us from having to hang laundry on a clothesline.
- _____ 8. (*Regi . . .*) ____ means “the killing of a king.” A famous instance is Charles I of England, who was beheaded in 1649.
- _____ 9. Leah has an amazing (. . . *abulary*) ____ for a two-year-old. She was just telling me the difference between “Mr. Crocodile” and “Mr. Alligator.”
- _____ 10. An (*ana . . . ism*) ____ is someone or something that seems to belong to an earlier time and is out of place in the present. San Francisco’s cable cars are an example.

NOTE: Now check your answers to these items by turning to page 177. Going over the answers carefully will help you prepare for the next two practices, for which answers are not given.


Sentence Check 2

Using the answer line provided, complete each *italicized* word in the sentences below with the correct word part from the box. Use each word part once.

- _____ 1–2. Angela chose medicine as her (. . . *ation*) ____ because when she was twelve years old, she had a(n) (. . . *id*) ____ dream that convinced her she had been “called” to heal people.
- _____ 3–4. Many people believe that (*homi . . .*) ____ will remain a(n) (. . . *ic*) ____ problem in American society until our ubiquitous^o handguns are made illegal. So long as guns can be obtained almost anywhere, people will be tempted to use them.

5–6. The attic bedroom has three windows, called (. . . *ers*) _____. They're set at an angle to the roof, so they look as if they are partly (. . . *tached*) _____ from the rest of the house.

7–8. The queen's closest advisers were at (. . . *ty*) _____ to enter the throne room freely. All others had to wait in the (. . . *chamber*) _____ before they were allowed to see her.

9–10. In science fiction stories, (. . . *terrestrials*) _____ such as E.T. are often able to communicate by (*pro . . . ing*) _____ their thoughts into Earth people's minds. Real scientists, however, scoff° at this idea, thinking such communication impossible.

Final Check: *Holiday Blues*

Here is a final opportunity for you to strengthen your knowledge of the ten word parts. First read the following selection carefully. Then complete each *italicized* word in the parentheses below with a word parts from the box at the top of the previous page. (Context clues will help you figure out which word part goes in which blank.) Use each word part once.

Tensions and sadness greatly (. . . *tract*) (1) _____ from many people's enjoyment of the winter holidays. For those who are (. . . *ically*) (2) _____ depressed, the holiday season can intensify the problem.

For one thing, holidays are extra work. When juxtaposed° with a person's existing job, school, or family obligations, such additional tasks as shopping for gifts or baking trays of Christmas cookies may precipitate° a feeling of hopelessness. Also, the (. . . *ordinary*) (3) _____ expectations that many have for the holidays often (e . . . *e*) (4) _____ sad feelings. For instance, (. . . *cipation*) (5) _____ of the traditional family gatherings may awaken (. . . *ant*) (6) _____ feelings of disappointment that one's family is not as warm or close as it "should" be. In the hopes of (*in . . . ing*) (7) _____ more happiness into the season or of (*re . . . alizing*) (8) _____ family relationships, people may fritter° away paycheck after paycheck on extravagant, ostentatious° gifts meant to impress their relatives. The financial burden then adds to the holiday problems.

Not everyone is resilient° enough to bear all this pressure. In fact, (*sui . . .*) (9) _____ rates increase around the holidays. Some despondent° people, however, wisely seek counseling in hopes of (. . . *ating*) (10) _____ themselves from the holiday blues.



Scores Sentence Check 2 _____ % Final Check _____ %