

Root Word Posters

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mono-

one

monotone, monopoly

uni-

one

uniform, unify

bi-

two

bilingual, bisect

tri-

three

tripod, triangle

quint-/pent

five

quintet, quintuplets

oct-

eight

octagon, octopus

dec-

ten

decade, decimal

cent-

hundred

century, centimeter

micro-

small

microscope, microbe

mega-

great

megahit, megaphone

super-

over; above

superhero, superhighway

hyper-

over; beyond

hyperbole, hyperactive

tele

distant

television, telegram

phon

sound

telephone, megaphone

photo

light

photosynthesis, photograph

graph

write

graphic, photograph

geo

earth

geology, geography

therm

heat

thermometer, thermos

scope

target; see

horoscope, telescope

meter

measure

perimeter, kilometer

logy

study of

geology, biology

spect

to look at

inspector, spectacle

port

to carry

portable, transport

form

shape

conform, transform

dic

to say or speak

dictate, dictator

aud

to hear

audible, audiotape

vis

to see

visible, vision

gress

to go

progress, regress

rupt

to break

erupt, disrupt

tract

pull

tractor, attract

mot

move

motivate, emotion

fract

break

infraction, fracture

flect/flex

to bend

reflect, flexible

ject

to throw

reject, eject

mis/mit

to send

mission, transmit

man

hand

manual, manuscript

scrib/script

write

scribe, transcript

cred

to believe

credible, credulous

fac

to make

factory, manufacture

duc/duct

lead

introduction, induce

sequ/sec

follow

sequence, consecutive

flu

flow

fluid, fluent

ver/vert

turn

convert, introvert

bene

good; well

benefit, benevolent

mal

bad

malfunction, malicious

ante-

before

anterior, antebellum

post-

after

postmortem, postscript

magni-

great

magnitude, magnificent

min-

small

minimum, miniscule

poly-

much; many

polygamy, polygon

equ-

equal

equation, equivalent

omni-

all

omnivore, omniscient

cap

head

captain, decapitate

corp

body

corpse, corporation

dent/dont

tooth

dental, orthodontist

ped/pod

foot or child

podium, pediatrician

terr

earth

terrestrial, territory

astr/aster

star

asterisk, astronomy

hydra/hydro

water

hydrant, hydrate

gen

birth; beginning

generate, gene

mort

death

mortality, mortician

bio

life

biology, biography

ven/vent

to come

ventilate, convention

junct

to join

conjunction, junction

spir

to breathe

respirate, dispirited

sec/sect

to cut

section, sectarian

jud

to judge

prejudice, judiciary

leg

law; to read

legally, illegible

mod

measure or manner of doing

mode, modification

biblio

book

bibliography, biblical

VOC

voice; call

advocate, vocalize

psych

mind; mental

psycho, psychology

mem

mind

memory, memorial

ling/lang

language

lingo, multilingual

path

disease; suffering

pathetic, sympathy

sens/sent

sense

sensitivity, sensation

med/medi

heal

medic, medicine

sol

alone

solitaire, solitude

intra-

within

intramural, intrastate

inter-

between

interact, internet

intro-

in; inward

introvert, introduce

circum-

around

circumvent, circumference

press

to press

pressure, compression

pur/purg

to cleanse

purge, purify

fus

to pour

infusion, profuse

pend

to hang

pendulum, depend

pos

to put or place

position, composite

loc

place

location, dislocate

sist

to stand

consistent, persistent

sta/stat/stit

to stand

statue, obstacle

ced/cess/ceed

to go

recede, process,

succeed

ten/tend

stretch; pull

tension, tendon

lit

letter

illiterate, literature

ceiv/cep

to take

receive, conception

nounce/nunc

to report

announce, renunciation

tain/ten

to hold

container, retention