

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-**

- Before you enter Mel’s living room, you pass through a small **anteroom**, where guests can leave their coats.
- A clever saying warns us to **anticipate** trouble before it happens: “Worrying casts tomorrow’s clouds over today’s sunshine.”

_____ **ante-, anti-** means a. after b. free c. before

2. **chron, chrono-**

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

_____ **chron, chrono-** means a. time b. outside c. alive

3. **-cide**

- 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.

_____ **-cide** means a. alive b. kill c. freedom

4. **de-**

- 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.

_____ **de-** means a. voice b. preceding c. removal

5. **dorm**

- The volcano has been **dormant** for years, but it may awaken soon.
- The **dormouse**, or “sleeping mouse,” got its name because it hibernates through the winter.

_____ **dorm** means a. lively b. separation c. sleep

6. **extra-**

- Ling studies hard for his classes, but he’s also involved in **extracurricular** activities, including soccer and chess.
- **Extrasensory** perception is the ability, or seeming ability, to communicate in ways that do not involve the physical senses.

_____ **extra-** means a. enclosed b. throw c. beyond

7. **ject**

- 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.

_____ **ject** means a. throw b. keep c. call

8. **liber, liver**

- Freddy is very **liberal** with advice. He 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.

_____ **liber, liver** means a. alive b. free c. outside

9. **vit, viv**

- 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 while others died.

_____ **vit, viv** means a. life b. separation c. death

10. voc, vok

- My father listens to **vocal** music as if it were being performed only by instruments. He doesn't listen to the singers' words at all.
- At the end of the service, the rabbi, stretching out his arms and raising his voice, **invoked** God to bless the congregation.

_____ **voc, vok** means a. memory b. voice c. time

MATCHING WORDS WITH DEFINITIONS: Following are definitions of the ten words. Clearly print each word next to its definition. The sentences above and on the previous page will help you decide on the meaning of each word.

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| 11. _____ life, lively | 16. _____ before, preceding |
| 12. _____ outside, beyond | 17. _____ voice, call |
| 13. _____ time | 18. _____ sleep |
| 14. _____ free, freedom | 19. _____ throw, toss |
| 15. _____ away, separation, removal | 20. _____ kill, killing, killer |

SENTENCE CHECK 1: Using the answer line provided, complete each item below with the correct word part. Use each word part once.

21. At the Italian restaurant, we had a(n) _____ *pasto* of olives, cheeses, and other appetizers before the main dish.
22. I was very tired when I got home from work, but a short nap *re* _____ *ed* me.
23. The veterinarian asked Rosa to hold her cat firmly while he gave it an *in* _____ *ion* to protect it from rabies.
24. A microwave oven is perfect for _____ *frosting* frozen foods in a hurry.
25. The conference was held at a college campus, so participants slept in the _____ *itories* instead of going to hotels.
26. In a crisis, people sometimes perform _____ *ordinary* feats of strength, like lifting an automobile off a crash victim.
27. Modern inventions have _____ *ated* us from many household chores. For instance, the dryer frees us from having to hang laundry on a clothesline.
28. *Regi* _____ means the killing of a king. A famous instance is Charles I of England, who was beheaded in 1649.
29. Leah has an amazing _____ *abulary* for a two-year-old. She was just telling me the difference between "Mr. Crocodile" and "Mr. Alligator."
30. 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.

SENTENCE CHECK 2: Using the answer line provided, complete each item below with the correct word part. Use each word part once.

Angela chose medicine as her (31) _____ *ation* because when she was twelve years old, she had (32) _____ *id* dream that convinced her it was her calling to heal people. Many people believe that (33) *homi* _____ will remain a(n) (34) _____ *ic* problem in American society until our ubiquitous handguns are made illegal. So long as guns can be obtained almost anywhere, people will be tempted to use them. The attic bedroom has three windows, called (35) _____ *ers*. They're set at an angle to the roof, so they look as if they are partly (36) _____ *tached* from the rest of the house. The queen's closest advisers were at (37) _____ *ty* to enter the throne room freely. All others had to wait in the (38) _____ *chamber* before they were allowed to see her. In science fiction stories, (39) _____ *terrestrials* such as E.T. are often able to communicate by (40) *pro* _____ *ing* their thoughts into Earth people's minds. Real scientists, however, scoff at this idea, thinking such communication is impossible.

FINAL CHECK – Holiday Blues: Read the following selection carefully. Fill in each blank with the correct vocabulary word. Context clues will help you figure out which word goes in which blank. Use each word once.

Tensions and sadness greatly (41) _____ *tract* from many people's enjoyment of the winter holidays. For those who are (42) _____ *ically* depressed, the holiday season can intensify the problem. The (43) _____ *ordinary* expectations that many have for the holidays often (44) *e* _____ *e* sad feelings. For instance, (45) _____ *cipation* of the traditional family gatherings may awaken (46) _____ *ant* feelings of disappointment that one's family is not as warm or close as it "should" be.

In the hopes of (47) *in* _____ *ing* more happiness into the season or of (48) *re* _____ *alizing* family relationships, people may squander their money 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, (49) *sui* _____ rates increase around the holidays. Some despondent people, however, wisely seek counseling in hopes of (50) _____ *ating* themselves from the holiday blues.