Definitions

microbiology (miikrohbiioluhjee) the branch of biology that studies microorganisms and their effects on humans

microcosm (miikruhkozuhm) a miniature model of something

microphone (miikruhfohn) An electronic device that picks up sound and magnifies it.

microscope (miikruhskohp) An optical instrument that magnifies the image of small objects

parable (pEHruhbuhl)

- **1.** a short moral story (often with animal characters)
- 2. (New Testament) any of the stories told by Jesus to convey his religious message

parachute (pEHruhshoot) rescue equipment consisting of a device that fills with air and retards your fall

paragraph (paruhgraf) one of several distinct subdivisions of a text intended to separate ideas; the beginning is usually marked by a new indented line

paraphrase (pEHruhfrayz) rewording for the purpose of clarification

paraplegia (pEHruhpleejeeuh) paralysis of the lower half of the body (most often as a result of trauma)

parasite (pEHruhsiit) an animal or plant that lives in or on a host (another animal or plant); the parasite obtains nourishment from the host without benefiting or killing the host

- 1. **paragraph** para-, <u>beside</u> + graph, <u>writing</u>
- 2. **paraplegia** para-, <u>beside</u> + plegia
- 3. **microcosm** micro-, <u>small</u> + cosm, <u>universe, world</u>
- 4. **paraphrase** para-, <u>beside</u> + phrase
- 5. **parasite** para-, <u>beside</u> + site
- 6. microscope micro-, small + -scope, to view,to examine,to observe
- 7. **parachute** para-, protection from + chute
- 8. **parable** para-, <u>beside</u> + ble
- 9. **microphone** micro-, small + -phone, sound, voice
- 10. **microbiology** micro-, small + bio, life, living organisms, living tissue + logy, study of, science