

Mr. Lochamy's Vocabulary Words

based on Greek and Latin parts (i.e. prefixes, roots, and suffixes)

UNIT 1.1 (identifying nouns and verbs)

Latin root: -scrib-/ -script-, meaning “to write”

Greek root: -dem-, meaning “people”

Words:

describe (v.): to tell or depict in written or spoken words; give an account of

democracy (n.): government by the people

prescription (n.): a direction, usually written, for the preparation and use of a medicine

demographics (n.): the statistical data of a population,
especially those showing average age, income, education, etc.

subscribe (v.): to pledge, as by signing an agreement, to give or pay money
as a contribution, gift, or investment.

endemic (adj.): natural to or characteristic of a specific people or place;
native; indigenous

transcribe (v.): to make a written copy

demagogue (n.): a person, especially an orator or political leader, who gains
power and popularity by arousing the emotions, passions, and prejudices of the people.

UNIT 1.2 (simple sentences)

Latin prefix: co-, meaning “together”

Greek prefix: a-/an-, meaning “without”

Words:

cooperate (v.): to work or act together to achieve a common goal

amoral (adj.): not caring about good behavior or morals

coexist (v.): to exist together at the same time and in the same place

anaerobic (adj.): living or taking place in the absence of oxygen

commiserate (v.): to sympathize with somebody, to express sympathy or sorrow

abyss (n.): something that is immeasurably deep or infinite

coincide (v.): to happen at or around the same time

apathetic (adj.): having or showing little or no emotion

UNIT 2.1 (compound sentences)

Latin suffix: -able/-ible, forms adjectives and means “capable or worthy of”

Greek suffix: -ize, forms verbs from nouns and adjectives

Words:

audible (adj.): loud or clear enough to be heard

stigmatize (v.): to label something as socially unacceptable

attainable (adj.): capable of being achieved or accomplished

capitalize (v.): to profit by or take advantage of something

legible (adj.): clear enough to be read

synchronize (v.): to make something work at the same time or the same rate as something else

credible (adj.): believable; inspiring trust and confidence

verbalize (v.): to express feelings, thoughts, or ideas in words

UNIT 2.2 (complex sentences)

Latin root: -ject-, meaning “to throw”

Greek root: -philo-/phil-, meaning “having a strong affinity or love for”

Words:

reject (v.): to refuse to have, take, recognize, etc.

philanthropy (n.): desire to benefit humanity

interjection (n.): a part of speech; a word thrown into a sentence to show emotion

bibliophile (n.): a collector of books

eject (v.): to drive or force out; expel, as from a place or position

philharmonic (adj.): fond of or devoted to music

projectile (n.): an object projected or impelled forward, as through the air

philosophy (n.): the rational investigation of basic concepts such as truth, existence, reality, freedom, etc.

UNIT 3.1 (direct addresses)

Latin prefix: de-, meaning “away” or “off” or indicating a reversal

Greek prefix: thermo-/therm-, meaning “heat”

Words:

dehumidify (v.): to remove excess humidity from the air in a room or building

thermometer (n.): an instrument for measuring temperature

defenestrate (v.): to throw something or somebody out of a window

thermodynamics (n.): the branch of physics connected with the relationship between heat and other forms of energy

demilitarize (v.): to remove soldiers and weapons from an area

thermonuclear (adj.): related to a nuclear fusion reaction where a gas is heated to several million degrees

decompose (v.): to break down organic matter from a complex to a simpler form

thermophile (n.): an organism that thrives in a warm environment

UNIT 3.2 (comparative and superlative adjectives)

Latin suffix: -ty/-ity, forms nouns from adjectives

Greek suffix: -meter/-metry, meaning “measuring device” or “measure”

Words:

authenticity (n.): the genuineness or truth of something

cyclometer (n.): an instrument that counts the number of times a wheel rotates

familiarity (n.): knowledge and understanding of something

chronometer (n.): a piece of equipment that measures time accurately

profanity (n.): language or behavior that shows disrespect for any deity or religion

olfactometer (n.): an instrument for measuring the keenness of somebody's sense of smell

tenacity (n.): the quality of holding or grasping firmly

seismometer (n.): an instrument used to measure vibrations caused by an earthquake

UNIT 3.3 (properly punctuated titles)

Latin root: -pend-, meaning “to hang”

Greek root: -phon-, meaning “sound”

Words:

append (v.): to add extra information to something, especially to a document

phonetics (n.): the scientific study of speech sounds and how they are produced

depend (v.): to be affected or decided by other factors

polyphonic (adj.): describes music with numerous melodies that sound simultaneously

impending (adj.): imminent or threatening; about to happen

cacophony (n.): an unpleasant combination of loud, often jarring, sounds

pendant (n.): a piece of jewelry that hangs from a necklace, bracelet, or earring

homophone (n.): a word with the same pronunciation as another word but with a different meaning and, sometimes, spelling

UNIT 4.1 (gerunds, infinitives, and participles)

Latin prefix: inter-, meaning “between” or “among”

Greek prefix: hyper-, meaning “excessive/excessively”

Words:

international (adj.): involving two or more countries or their citizens

hyperactive (adj.): unusually active; restless

intertwine (v.): to link something closely and intricately with something else

hypersensitive (adj.): very easily upset or offended

interject (v.): to say something in a way that interrupts what is being said

hyperbole (n.): deliberate and obvious exaggeration

interfaith (adj.): involving people who belong to different religions

hypercritical (adj.): criticizing somebody or something too severely or too much

UNIT 4.2 (restrictive and nonrestrictive elements)

Latin suffix: -fy/-ify, forms verbs and means “to make or cause to become”

Greek suffix: -ism, forms nouns and means “the act, state, or theory of”

Words:

criticism (n.): opinions that point out one or more faults of somebody or something

deify (v.): to make somebody into a god

communism (n.): a political system in which all property is owned by the community as a whole

purify (v.): to rid something of harmful, inferior, or unwanted contaminants

optimism (n.): the tendency to believe, expect, or hope that things will turn out well

humidify (v.): to make something, especially the air, more moist or damp

cubism (n.): an artistic style that represents natural forms as geometric shapes

clarify (v.): to make something clearer by explaining it in greater detail

UNIT 4.3 (commonly confused words)

Latin root: -tract-, means to pull, drag, draw

Greek root: -anthrop-, means human

Words:

tractor (n.): a motor vehicle used for pulling heavy loads

misanthropic (adj.): of, pertaining to, or characteristic of a misanthrope

attractive (adj.): interesting or appealing because of the probable advantages

anthropology (n.): the study of humankind in all its aspects

retract (v.): to withdraw or deny something previously said

philanthropic (adj.): showing kindness and generosity toward other people

contract (n.): a formal or legally binding agreement

anthropomorphic (adj.): the quality of a non-human thing having human form or characteristics

Word parts collected at <http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0907017.html>

Another great site with info on word parts: <http://www.learnthat.org/pages/view/roots.html>

Vocabulary from A Christmas Carol

solitude (n.): the state of being alone

sullen (adj.): showing bad temper or hostility; moving slowly

misanthrope (n.): someone who dislikes and distrusts other people and tends to avoid them

apparition (n.): an appearance of a supposed ghost or something ghostly

benevolence (n.): a tendency to perform kind or generous acts

phenomenon (n.): something that is out of the ordinary and excites people's interest and curiosity

morose (adj.): having a withdrawn gloomy personality

homage (n.): a show of reverence and respect toward somebody or something