

This is a list of the word parts and vocabulary taught in *Word Roots Level 1*.

Prefixes		Roots				Suffixes		
a-	im-	act	cumul	mitt	tempor	-able	-ferous	iz-ant
ab-	in-	anim	dict	mob	termin	-acious	i-al	iz-ation
ac-	infra-	annu	duct	mot	tort	-acity	i-ate	-ize
ad-	inter-	aqu	dur	mote	tract	-al	-ible	-ly
bene-	intro-	aqua	dure	mov	vene	-ance	-ic	-ment
bi-	ir-	aud	enni	nom	vent	i-aneous	-ice	-ness
cent-	mis-	avi	equ	nomin	ver	-ant	-id	-or
circum-	ob-	avia	equi	nov	vers	-arium	i-ence	os-ity
com-	op-	brev	form	pose	verse	-ary	ific-ation	-ous
con-	per-	capt	fract	posit	vert	-ate	i-fy	t-ic
contra-	post-	carni	frag	pug	vinc	-ation	-ile	-trix
cor-	pre-	carni	gress	pugn	vinc	i-at-ive	il-ism	-ulous
counter-	pro-	cede	herbi	rupt	vis	-at-or	il-ist	-ure
de-	re-	celer	juven	scrib	viv	-cide	il-ity	-us
di-	retro-	cept	later	scribe	vive	i-el-ist	-ine	-y
dis-	se-	cess	loqu	script	voc	-el-ty	-ion	
e-	sub-	claim	lumin	sect	voci	-ence	it-able	
en-	tra-	clam	manu	son	vol	-ent	i-tion	
ex-	ultra-	clude	mar	spec	vor	i-eous	it-ive	
extro-	uni-	clus	memor	spect	vour	-er	-ity	
il-		cogn	miss	struct		-escent	-ive	
		cred	mit	tact				

Vocabulary

abbreviate	circumventive	cumulative	equivocate	inaction	loquacious	procession	secession
abduct	cognition	cumulus	exclaim	inanimate	loquaciously	proclaim	seclude
abduction	cognitive	decelerate	exclamation	inaudible	loquaciousness	proclamation	seclusion
accede	cognizant	deceleration	exclude	incredible	luminary	progress	specification
accelerate	commemorate	deduct	exclusion	incredulous	luminescent	progression	specify
acceleration	commotion	deduction	exclusive	indescribable	luminosity	promote	structure
accessible	compose	deductive	expose	induct	luminous	promotion	submarine
accumulate	composition	deposit	exposition	induction	manual	pugilism	tactile
admission	conclude	deposition	extemporaneous	infraction	manuscript	pugilist	temporal
admit	conclusion	describe	extemporane-ously	infrastructure	marine	pugnacious	temporary
animate	conclusive	description	exterminate	innovate	memorable	react	terminal
annual	construct	descriptive	extermination	innovation	memorial	reaction	terminate
annually	construction	destruct	extract	inscribe	memorization	recapture	traverse
aquamarine	contact	destruction	extractable	inscription	memorize	receptive	ultrasonic
aquarium	contemporane-ously	determination	extraction	inspect	memory	receptor	uniform
aquatic	contemporary	diction	extroversion	inspection	misnomer	recognition	unilateral
aqueous	contort	digress	extrovert	intact	mobile	recognize	unison
audible	contortion	digression	formation	interact	mobility	reconstruct	veracious
audience	contract	dissect	fraction	interaction	movable	reconstruction	veracity
aversion	contraction	dissection	fractional	intercept	nominal	regress	verification
avert	contradict	dissonance	fracture	interceptive	nominally	regression	veritable
aviary	contradiction	dissonant	fragile	interceptor	nomination	rejuvenate	visible
aviation	convene	distort	fragility	intermission	novelist	remit	vivacious
aviator	convent	distortion	fragment	interrupt	novelty	remittance	vivaciously
aviatrix	convention	durable	fragmental	interruption	novice	removable	vivid
benevolence	conversion	duration	fragmentary	intersect	obstruct	renovate	vividly
benevolent	convert	eloquence	fragmentation	intersection	obstruction	renovation	vocalize
biannual	convince	eloquent	herbicide	intervene	oppose	repugnant	vocation
bicentennial	convincible	eloquently	herbivorous	intervention	opposition	retract	vociferous
bilateral	convivial	emissary	illuminate	introversion	perennial	retraction	volition
brevity	corrupt	endure	illumination	invert	postscript	retrospect	voracious
capture	corruption	envision	illuminative	invincible	predict	retrospection	
carnivorous	counteract	equanimity	immobile	invisible	prediction	retrospective	
centennial	counteraction	equate	immobility	irrevocable	prescribe	revival	
circumscribe	credence	equation	immoveable	juvenile	prescription	revive	
circumscriptive	credible	equitable	impose	lateral	process	proceed	
circumvent	credulous	equity	imposition	laterally	process	rupture	
circumvention					processable	secede	

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Lesson 2

PREFIX	ROOT	SUFFIX
con- with, together	tract to draw or pull, drag, draw out	-ible able to be
ex- out, away, from	vinc/ vince conquer	-ion an action or process; state, quality, act
in- in, into; not		
re- back, again		

A. Spelling and Defining Words

Write each word from the choice box next to its definition.

contract	retract	convincible	extraction
extractible	convince	contraction	retraction
extract	invincible		

1. _____ to pull or draw out from
2. _____ to draw together
3. _____ able to be pulled or drawn out from
4. _____ process of pulling out from
5. _____ not able to be conquered
6. _____ to conquer; make someone agree with
7. _____ able to be conquered; able to be made to agree with
8. _____ to pull back
9. _____ process of pulling back
10. _____ process of drawing together

B. Completing the Sentence

Write the best word from the gray box to complete each sentence.

1. Bridges must be built to withstand the expansion and _____ caused by the weather.
 retraction contraction extraction
2. The attorney tried to _____ the jury that the defendant was not guilty.
 convince contract retract
3. The tooth _____ was done by an oral surgeon.
 contraction retraction extraction
4. The brave troops were trained to march forth as though they were _____.
 invincible convincible extractible
5. Cindy wished she could _____ what she said, but her friends had already heard it.
 extract contract retract
6. When you bend your elbow, the muscles of the arm _____.
 retract contract extract
7. We use our juicer to _____ the nutrients from fruits and vegetables.
 contract retract extract
8. The gum was _____ from her hair using WD-40.
 invincible extractible convincible
9. Most people are _____ when presented with reliable facts.
 convincible invincible extractible
10. The newspaper had to print a/an _____ after it stated, "pandas eat wood."
 contraction extraction retraction

C. Defining the Word Parts

Write the definition from the choice box next to its correct word part.

- conquer
- with, together
- an action or process; state, quality, act
- out, away, from
- between, among
- to draw or pull, drag, draw out
- in, into; not
- back, again
- able to be

1. in- _____
2. tract _____
3. -ion _____
4. con- _____
5. -ible _____
6. vinc/vince _____
7. ex- _____
8. re- _____

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D. Writing Sentences

Use each word from the choice box to write a sentence in context so that its meaning is clear to the reader.

contract	extract	convince	convincible	extraction
extractible	retract	invincible	contraction	retraction

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

E. (optional) Creative Writing

Use some or all of the words from the choice box to write one or more paragraphs or a short story on a separate piece of paper.