Word Roots A1 Introduction

Completing the Exercises

Each worksheet has a 3-column box listing the word elements used on the page and their definitions. A prefix ends with a hyphen (-) indicating that text follows; a suffix begins with a hyphen indicating that text precedes it.

Focus Elements

Each worksheet is labeled at the top with a focus element(s) for that page. Every word in Column A uses at least one focus element. Non-focus element(s) used in the words in Column A are also shown in the prefix, root, or suffix list.

Have students do each worksheet as instructed below:

- Study the meanings of the prefixes, roots, and suffixes given.
- 2. In Column A, identify the Latin elements used in each English word by circling roots and underlining prefixes and suffixes.
- For each word in Column A, write the letter of the correct meaning from Column B.
- **4.** Use the words from Column A to complete the sentences. Write the best word to complete each sentence.

PARTIAL SAMPLE WORKSHEET FOCUS: mar **SUFFIX PREFIX** ROOT subunder aqua water -ine like, related to sea mar **DIRECTIONS:** In Column A, identify the parts of each word by circling roots and then underlining

prefixes and suffixes. Match each word to its correct meaning from Column B.

COLUMN A COLUMN B 1. sub(mar)ine a. blue-green in color, like sea water 2. aquamarine a b. being, living, or used under water **DIRECTIONS:** Chose the word from Column A that best completes each sentence. 1. The bottom and sides of the swimming pool were painted aquamarine. 2. The submarine canyon in California's Monterey Bay is two miles deep.

Extension Worksheets

Extension activities, beginning on page 31, can be used for assessment or additional practice. Each group of exercises has three extension activities. Worksheets One, Two, and Three review pages 1–7; Worksheets Four, Five, and Six review pages 8–14; Worksheets Seven, Eight, and Nine review pages 15–22; and Worksheets Ten, Eleven, and Twelve review pages 23 - 30.

Dictionary Word Roots A1

DICTIONARY OF LATIN PREFIXES

a- away, from

aversion: the act of turning away from; a dislike of something [ə-vûr'zhən]

ab- away, from

abbreviate: to shorten [ə-brē'vē-āt'] abduction: a taking away by force [ăb•dŭk'tion]

ac- (ad-) to, toward, near

accelerate: to increase the speed of [ăk-sĕl'ə-rāt']

accessible: easily entered, approached, or obtained [ăk-sĕs'ə-bəl]

accumulate: to gather or pile up little by

little [ə-kyoom'yə-lāt'] admittance: entry [ăd-mĭt'ns]

bene- good, well

benevolent: showing kindness or goodwill [bə-něv'ə-lənt]

bi- two

bicentennial: of or relating to an age or period of 200 years [bī'sĕn-tĕn'ē-əl] bilateral: of or involving two sides; reciprocal [bī-lăt'ər-əl]

cent- hundred

centennial: of or relating to an age or period of 100 years [sĕn-tĕn-'ē-əl]

circum- around

circumscribe: to draw around; to encircle [sûr'-kəm-skrīb'] circumvent: to go around; to bypass

restrictions [sûr'kəm-vĕnt']

com- (con-, cor-) with, together

commemorate: to honor the memory of, as by a ceremony [kə-měm'ə-rāt']

commotion: the scene of noisy confusion or activity [kə-mō'shən]

composition: an arrangement or putting together of parts [kŏm'pə-zĭsh'ən]

conclusion: the end or last part [kən-kloo'zhən]

construct: to form by putting together parts [kən-strŭkt']

contact: the state of touching or meeting [kŏn' tăkt']

contemporary: of the same time; modern time [kən-těm'pə-rěr'ē]

contortion: a twisted shape or position [kən-tôr'shən]

contraction: act of drawing together or shrinking [kən-trăk'shən]

convention: a gathering or assembly of people with a common interest [kən-vĕn'shən]

convert: to turn into or transform [kən-vûrt']

convince: to persuade by argument or evidence [kən-vĭns']

contra- against, opposite

contradict: to express or imply the opposite of [kŏn'trə-dĭkt']

counter- against, opposite

counteract: to act directly against; to prevent from affecting [koun'tər-ăkt']

de- away, down

decelerate: to reduce the speed of [dē-sĕl'ə-rāt']

deduction: a subtraction of an amount [dĭ-dŭk'shən]

deposit: to put down or in a safe place [dĭ-pŏz'ĭt]

describe: to represent with words or pictures [dĭ-skrīb']

destruction: the act of destroying; a state of damage [dĭ-strŭk'shən]

determination: an intent to reach a goal [dĭ-tûr'mə-nā'shən]

devour: to eat quickly [dĭ-vour']

di- apart, away, not

digression: a departure from the main issue, subject, etc. [dī-grĕsh'ən]

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act do, drive

counteract: to act directly against; to prevent from affecting [koun'tər-ăkt'] interaction: communication between two or more things [ĭn'tər-ăk'shən] reaction: a response [rē-ăk'shən]

anim spirit, life

animate: to give spirit, life, motion, or activity to [ăn'ə-māt']

equanimity: calm temperament; evenness of temper [ĕ'kwə-nĭm'ĭ-tē]

aqua water

aquamarine: blue-green in color, like sea water [ăk'wə-mə-rēn']

aud (audi) hear

audience: a group of listeners or spectators [ô'dē-əns]

inaudible: unable to be heard [ĭn-ô'də-bəl]

avi (avia) bird

aviary: a large enclosure in which birds

are kept [ā'vē-ĕr'ē]

aviatrix: a woman airplane pilot [ā'vē-ā'trĭks]

brev (brevi) short

abbreviate: to shorten [ə-brē'vē-āt'] **brevity**: quality of being brief; shortness in time [brĕv'ĭ-tē]

capt (cept) take, hold

intercept: to stop or interrupt the course

of [ĭn'tər-sĕpt']

recapture: the taking back of something [rē-kăp'chər]

carni flesh, meat

carnivorous: flesh-eating

[kär-nĭv'ər-əs]

cede (ceed, cess) go, yield

accessible: easily entered, approached,

or obtained [ăk-sĕs'ə-bəl]

proceed: to go forward, especially after

stopping [prō-sēd']

secede: to formally break away from [sĭ-sēd']

celer fast

accelerate: to increase the speed of [ăk-sĕl'ə-rāt']

decelerate: to reduce the speed of

[dē-sĕl'ə-rāt']

claim (clam) call out, shout

exclaim: to cry out or speak in a strong

or sudden manner [ĭk-sklām']

proclamation: something announced officially in public [prŏk'lə-mā'shən]

clud (clus) close

conclusion: the end or last part

[kən-kloo'zhən]

exclusion: a shutting out; rejection

[ĭk-skloo'zhən]

seclude: to keep away from; to isolate

[sĭ-klood']

cogn (cogni) know

cognition: process of acquiring

knowledge [kŏg-nĭsh'ən]

recognize: to identify someone or something seen before [rĕk'əg-nīz']

cred believe

credence: belief; acceptance as true or

valid [krĕd'ns]

incredible: too extraordinary and impossible to believe [ĭn-krĕd'ə-bəl]

incredulous: disbelieving; not believing

[ĭn-krĕj'ə-ləs]

cumul mass, heap

accumulate: to gather or pile up little by

little [ə-kyoom'yə-lāt']

cumulative: gradually building up

[kyoom'yə-lə'tĭv]

dict speak

contradict: to express or imply the

opposite of [kŏn'trə-dĭkt']

prediction: a statement foretelling the

future [pri-dik'shən]

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vinc conquer

convince: to persuade by argument or

evidence [kən-vĭns']

invincible: unbeatable; impossible to

overcome [ĭn-vĭn'sə-bəl]

vis see

envision: to picture in the mind

[ĕn-vĭzh'ən]

invisible: impossible to see

[ĭn-vĭz'ə-bəl]

viv live, life

revival: the act of bringing back to life;

renewed interest in [rĭ-vī'vəl]

vivacious: high-spirited and full of life

[vĭ-vā'shəs]

vivid: lively in appearance; vigorous

[vĭv'ĭd]

voc (voci) voice, call

equivocate: to use misleading language

that could be interpreted two different

ways [ĭ-kwĭv'ə-kāt']

revocable: able to be repealed or

withdrawn [rev'ə-kə-bəl]

vociferous: loud, noisy [vō-sĭf'ər-əs]

vol (voli) will, wish

benevolent: showing kindness or

goodwill [bə-nĕv'ə-lənt]

volition: the act of making a choice or

decision [və-lĭsh'ən]

vor (vour) eat

carnivorous: flesh-eating

[kär-nĭv'ər-əs]

herbivorous: plant-eating

[hur-bĭv'ər-əs]

voracious: desiring or eating food in

great quantities [vô-ră'shəs] **devour**: to eat quickly [dǐ-vour']

DICTIONARY OF LATIN SUFFIXES

-able able to be (adjective)

durable: having the quality of lasting

[door'ə-bəl]

removable: able to be taken or carried

away [rĭ-moo'və-bəl]

revocable: able to be repealed or

withdrawn [rev'ə-kə-bəl]

-acious having the quality of (adjective)

loquacious: very talkative

[lō-kwā'shəs]

pugnacious: having a quarrelsome or

aggressive nature [pŭg-nā'shəs]

vivacious: high-spirited and full of life

[vĭ-vā'shəs]

voracious: desiring or eating food in

great quantities [vô-ră'shəs]

-acity the quality of (noun)

veracity: truth, honesty [və-răs'ĭ-tē]

-al of, related to (noun, adjective)

bicentennial: of or relating to an age or period of 200 years [bī'sĕn-tĕn'ē-əl]

bilateral: of or involving two sides; reciprocal [bī-lăt'ər-əl]

centennial: of or relating to an age or period of 100 years [sen-ten-'e-əl]

manual: having to do with the hands

[măn'yoo-əl]

memorial: related to remembering a

person or event [mə-môr'ē-əl]

nominal: being something in name only

but not in reality [nŏm'ə-nəl]

revival: the act of bringing back to life;

renewed interest in [rĭ-vī'vəl]

perennial: lasting through many years

[pə-rĕn'ē-əl]

terminal: related to something leading to the end or to death [tur'mə-nəl]

unilateral: affecting one side of

something [yoo'nə-lăt'ər-əl] -ance state, quality, act (noun)

admittance: entry [ăd-mĭt'ns]

dissonance: lack of harmony; discord

[dĭs'ə-nəns]