Lesson Two

1. **amalgamate** (ç mal´ gç m¡t) v. to combine

The great leader amalgamated many small tribes into his own to make a single, powerful nation.

syn: unite; blend; merge; consolidate ant: splinter; disunite

2. **demented** (di men´ tid) adj. mentally ill; insane

Mary’s demented cat attacks anything that makes a noise, including the television.

syn: deranged; insane ant: sane

3. **hone** (h¶n) v. to sharpen

The butcher used a whetstone to hone his knives until they were razor sharp.

ant: dull

4. **beleaguer** (bi l£´ gçr) v. to besiege by encircling (as with an army);

to harass

The mosquitoes will beleaguer you if you venture near the swamp.

syn: surround; annoy ant: evade

5. **gorge** (gôrj) v. to eat or swallow greedily

The beagle gorged itself after it chewed through the bag of dog food.

6. **antiquated** (an´ ti kw¡ tid) adj. no longer used or useful; very old

The antiquated washboard hung on the wall, useful only as a decoration.

syn: obsolete; out-of-date; archaic ant: modern

7. **opiate** (¶´ p£ it) n. a narcotic used to cause sleep or bring relief

from pain

The veterinarian used an opiate to sedate the wounded animal.

ant: stimulant

8. **caricature** (kar´ i kç chûr) n. an exaggerated portrayal of one’s features

The caricature of the mayor in the political cartoon exaggerated the size of his ears and nose.

syn: mockery; cartoon

9. **dally** (dal´ £) v. to waste time; to dawdle

If you dally too long in making a decision, someone else will buy the car you want.

syn: dawdle; loiter ant: hasten; hurry

10. **felonious** (fç l¶´ n£ çs) *adj.* pertaining to or constituting a major crime

The inmate expected to be released from prison early, despite the many *felonious* activities on his record.

*syn: criminal*

***Word Roots—List #2 is located on the next page!***

*Word Roots—List #2*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Root :** INTER-, PARA- (prefix)\***Meaning :** ( between, among ) | **Root :** CATA-, DE- (prefix)\***Meaning :** ( down, away from ) | **Root :** HYPER-, SUPER-, SUR- (prefix)\***Meaning :** ( above ) | **Root :** SUB, SUS- (prefix)\***Meaning :** ( below )**EXAMPLE** : SUBVERSION, SUSCEPTIBLE |
| **Root :** [ALI](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=883)**Meaning :** ( other, another )**Example :** ALIAS, ALIBI, ALIEN, ALIENATE, INALIENABLE | **Root :** [AMBL](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1180)**Meaning :** ( walk, go )**Example :** PREAMBLE, AMBLE | **Root :** [AMEN](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1637)**Meaning :** ( pleasant )**Example :** AMENITY | **Root :** [APT](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1646)**Meaning :** ( fit, join )**Example :** APTITUDE, ADAPT, INEPT, ADAPTATION, ADEPT  |
| **Root :** [DERM](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1134)**Meaning :** ( skin )**Example :** EPIDERMIS, DERMATOLOGY, PACHYDERM, TAXIDERMY, HYPODERMIC | **Root :** [TELE](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1333)**Meaning :** ( far )**Example :** TELEPHONE, TELESCOPE, TELEPATHY | **Root :** [DICT](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=3)**Meaning :** ( speak, say, declare )**Example :** abdicate, indictment, dedication, edict, dictatorial, addicted, dictate, contradict, diction, dictionary, interdict, predict, verdict, benediction, malediction, valedictorian | **Root :** [THERM](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=993)**Meaning :** ( heat, warm )**Example :** THERMAL, ISOTHERM, THERMOS, THERMOMETER, THERMOSTAT, THERMOCOUPLE |
| **Root :** [ALT](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1155)**Meaning :** ( high )**Example :** ALTITUDE, ALTIMETER, ALTAR, EXALT, CONTRALTO | **Root :** [POLY](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=927)**Meaning :** ( many (prefix) )**Example :** POLYGAMY, POLYNOMIAL, POLYHEDRON, POLYMER | **Root :** [PORT](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1595)**Meaning :** ( carry, bear, bring )**Example :** PORTABLE, PORTFOLIO, PORTAGE, PORTER, PORTICO, PORTMANTEAU, COMPORT, DEPORT, EXPORT, IMPORT, PURPORT, REPORT, SUPPORT, TRANSPORT, OPPORTUNE | **Root :** [BAT](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1144)**Meaning :** ( beat )**Example :** REBATE, DEBATE, BATTLE, BATTALION, ABATE, COMBAT, BATTER, BATTERY, ABATE, EMBATTLE |
| **Root :**[**DIA-**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1634)**, Per- (prefix)\*Meaning : ( across, through )** | **Root : ANT-, ANTI-, CONTRA-, COUNTER-, OB-, (prefix)\*Meaning : ( against)** | **Root : ANTE-, FORE-, PRE- (prefix)\*Meaning : ( before )** | **Root : POST- (prefix)\*Meaning : ( after )** |
| **Root :**[**ACID**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=898)**, ACRMeaning : ( sour )Example : ACIDIC, ACIDITY, ACID** | **Root :**[**ACOU**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1128)**Meaning : ( hearing )Example : ACOUSTICS** | **Root :**[**ACT**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1575)**Meaning : ( move, go, do, drive, urge, act )Example : ACTION, ACTIVIST, COUNTERACT, EXACT, REACTIONARY, RETROACTIVE, TRANSACT, TRANSACTION** | **Root :**[**AGOG**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=956)**Meaning : ( leading, bringing )Example : DEMAGOGUE, PEDAGOGUE, PEDAGOGY, SYNAGOGUE** |
| **Root :**[**AGR**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1122)**Meaning : ( field, land, country )Example : AGRARIAN, AGRICULTURE, PEREGRINATE** | **Root :**[**ALT**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1155)**Meaning : ( high )Example : ALTITUDE, ALTIMETER, ALTAR, EXALT, CONTRALTO** | **Root :**[**PHIL**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=840)**Meaning : ( loving, fond )Example : BIBLIOPHILE, FRANCOPHILE, PHILANTHROPY, PHILOSOPHY, PHILOLOGY,** | **Root :**[**PHON**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1278)**Meaning : ( sound )Example : CACOPHONY, PHONIC, SYMPHONY, EUPHONIOUS, MEGAPHONE, TELEPHONE** |
| **Root :**[**SCRIPT**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1235)**Meaning : ( write )Example : CONSCRIPT, SCRIPTURE. POSTSCRIPT, TRANSCRIPT, INSCRIPTION, DESCRIPTIVE, SUBSCRIPTION, SCRIPT** | **Root :**[**SOPH**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=939)**Meaning : ( wise, wisdom )Example : PHILOSOPHER, SOPHISTICATION, PHILOSOPHY, SOPHISTRY** | **Root :**[**DYS**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1289)**Meaning : ( bad, ill, sick, abnormal, impaired )Example : DYSENTERY, DYSFUNCTION, DYSPLASIA** | **Root :**[**EQU**](https://myvocabulary.com/index.php?dir=puzzles&file=attempt_puzzles&root_id=1063)**Meaning : ( equal, same )Example : EQUITABLE, EQUAL, EQUATION, EQUILIBRIUM, EQUINOX, EQUIVALENT, EQUIVOCAL, ADEQUATE, EQUITY, EQUANIMITY, EQUIVOCATE** |