



Summer Packet for Students

Entering Grades 7 & 8 at DHR

VOCABULARY BUILDING

Root Words & Elements

Learning to recognize meanings associated with certain root words and elements is one of the greatest keys to developing the ability to independently build an exceptional vocabulary. Ready recognition of root words and elements makes many never-before-seen terms ring with a definitive familiarity. And, this is one of the keys that unlocks literary messages and social fluency.

Below are 101 of the most basic and often used root words and elements. Using them to build definitions of practical terms is an excellent and easy means of acquiring a level of mastery that brings with it the aforementioned literary and social fluencies.

Root Words & Elements

1. geo = earth
2. graph = picture or writing
3. anti = against
4. re = back; again
5. un, il, ir, im = not
6. ante = before
7. pre = before
8. tele = far distant
9. phon = sound
10. tri = three
11. ped = foot; child
12. card = heart
13. men = think
14. psych = mind
15. vert = turn
16. phobia = fear
17. acro = high
18. bio = life
19. sect = cut
20. ology = to study
21. ist = a person who
22. aqua; hydr = water
23. ex = out; out of
24. inter = between; among
25. intra = within
26. hale = to breathe
27. bi = two
28. quad = four
29. mania = crazy or mad
30. derm = skin
31. pyro = fire
32. con = with
33. cogn = to know
34. chron = time
35. cap = head
36. bene = good
37. nym; nom = name
38. val = strong
39. vale = farewell
40. dict; dic = to speak
41. pseud = false
42. aster = star
43. vit; viv = to live
44. voc; vok = to speak
45. cred = to believe
46. naut = sailor
47. auto = self
48. dia = through; between
49. syn = together
50. ana; ant = against
51. loqu = to speak
52. later = side
53. zoo = animal
54. dexter = right hand
55. sur = beyond
56. agon = a contest
57. path = emotion; disease
58. eco = system; house
59. foc = focus
60. ophis = a sight
61. theos = god
62. anthrop = man
63. homo = man; same
64. equi = equal
65. con; contra = against
66. frat = brother
67. soror = sister
68. cide = murder
69. matri = mother
70. patri = father
71. avi = bird
72. pachy = thick
73. mono = one
74. ventra = stomach
75. genus = race

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| 76. dis = apart; away | 84. pellere = to push; thrust | 92. physis = nature |
| 77. port = to carry | 85. annus = year | 93. photo = light |
| 78. volvere = to roll | 86. neuron = nerve | 94. meteor = things in the sky |
| 79. scrib = to write | 87. pandere = spread | 95. crimen = verdict |
| 80. lingua = tongue | 88. kratos = power | 96. aud = hear |
| 81. nomos = law | 89. dotos = that which is given | 97. dent = teeth |
| 82. tempore = time | 90. a = not; from | 98. ortho = straight |
| 83. cavus = hollow | 91. fract = to break | 99. mal = bad |
| 100. pod = foot | 101. demo = people | |

Exercise Sample

Using the root words above, define the following terms and use them in meaningful grammatically perfect sentences that demonstrate your understanding:

Example:

Pathologist

Roots and Elements: path = disease ology = to study ist = a person who :

Definition : a person who studies diseases

Sentence: Pathologists test their patients for diseased tissue.

Target Terms

I. Dermatologist

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

II. Geology

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

III. Pyromaniac

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

IV. Graphologist

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

V. Acrophobia

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

VI. Convert

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

VII. Biological

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

VIII. Psychiatrist

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

IX. Quadrilateral

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

X. Mentality

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XI. Biped

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XII. Cardiac

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XIII. Antiperspirant

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XIV. Reverse

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XV. Section

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XVI. Unlettered

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XVII. Pedestrian

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XVIII. Trilingual

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XIX. Zoologist

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XX. Aquarium

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXI. Exhale

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXII. Telephone

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXIII. Predict

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXIV. Antecedent

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXV. Irresponsible

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXVI. Intracoastal

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXVII. Illiterate

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXVIII. Immature

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXIX. Hydrophobia

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXX. Intracardiac

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXXI. Inter-state

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXXII. Recognize

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXXIII. Credibility

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXXIV. Vocalize

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXXV. Caption

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXXVI. Vital

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXXVII. Vivacious

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXXVIII. Pseudonym

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXXIX. Asterisk

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XL. Valiant

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXI. Beneficial

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXII. Vaedictorian

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXIII. Chronological

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXIV. Nautical

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XXV. Fraternity

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XLVI. Antagonist

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XLVII. Autonomous

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XLVIII. Sympathetic

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

XLIX. Sorority

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

L. Homicide

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LI. Ecology

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LII. Diagram

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LIII. Bifocals

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LIV. Matrimony

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LV. Synchronize

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LVI. Survival

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LVII. Optical

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LVIII. Patriarch

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LIX. Dexterity

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LX. Theocracy

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LXI. Aviator

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LXII. Microbiologist

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LXIII. Pachyderm

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LXIV. Contradict

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LXV. Bilateral

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LXVI. Equality

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LXVII. Generation

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LXVIII. Loquacious

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LXIX. Homophone

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____

LXX. Monopoly

Roots and Elements: _____

Definition: _____

Sentence: _____