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Prefixes and Suffixes

1. Based on the Greek or Latin roots in the names of these cities, which one of these cities is known as "the city of brotherly love"?

- ☒ A. Philadelphia
- ☒ B. Laredo
- ☒ C. Los Angeles
- ☒ D. Grand Rapids

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2. Civilizations of people lived **before** historical records were written down. What word describes this time period?

- ☒ A. antihistoric
- ☒ B. unhistoric
- ☒ C. posthistoric
- ☒ D. prehistoric

Many English words and word parts can be traced back to Latin and Greek. By learning what parts of words mean, you can figure out the meanings of bigger words that you might not know at first glance. Look at the chart below, and then answer the question.

Latin & Greek Word Part	Meaning	Latin & Greek Word Part	Meaning
a	without	paleo	ancient
anthro	humans; people	path	feeling
bio	life	phil	love
contra	against	phon	sound
dict	to say	photo	light
graph	picture	poly	many

hemi	half	pseudo	false
logue	talk or a speech	scope	to see
micro	small	script	to write
mis	to hate	somna	sleep
mono	one; alone	spir	to breathe
neo	new	tele	from a distance
pac	peace	terras	earth

3. Arthur Renway is considered one of the state's leaders known for his philanthropy.

In other words, Arthur Renway is

- ☒ A. one who loves peace.
- ☒ B. one who loves the Earth.
- ☒ C. one who loves sleep.
- ☒ D. one who loves his fellow humans.

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4. Humans use the process of respiration to provide their bodies with the oxygen they need to metabolize food. Respiration also helps humans get rid of the carbon dioxide that they do not need.

Judging from your knowledge of Greek and Latin roots, you know that the word "respiration" refers to

- ☒ A. water.
- ☒ B. breathing.
- ☒ C. light.
- ☒ D. life.

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5. Plants use the process of photosynthesis to turn carbon dioxide, water, and minerals into the oxygen that we humans breathe.

Judging from your knowledge of Greek and Latin roots, you know that the word

"photosynthesis" in the passage above has to do with

- ☒ A. minerals.
- ☒ B. pollution.
- ☒ C. bacteria.
- ☒ D. light.

6.

Mischa said that she was apathetic about the entire situation.

In other words, Mischa said that she

- ☒ A. hated the situation.
- ☒ B. didn't care about the entire situation.
- ☒ C. was not involved in the situation.
- ☒ D. was against the situation.

7. Knowing the meaning of the Greek roots mono and logue helps the reader understand that monologue means

- ☒ A. a device for small sounds.
- ☒ B. a piece of ancient writing.
- ☒ C. a long speech by one person.
- ☒ D. a picture of a group of people.

8. Earth's biosphere includes the air that people breathe, the land on which they live, the rocks that cover the land, and the water that covers much of the earth's surface.

Using your knowledge of Greek and Latin roots, what is the meaning of the word biosphere in the passage above?

- ☒ A. the earth's crust
 - ☒ B. the part of the earth where life exists
 - ☒ C. a polluted part of the earth
 - ☒ D. any self-regulating system
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9.

The dialogue in the movie was hard to understand.

In other words, the movie

- ☐ **A.** had words that were hard to understand.
- ☐ **B.** had sounds too hard to hear.
- ☐ **C.** written without light.
- ☐ **D.** had lights too dim to see.

10.

Dee-Dee didn't want to contradict herself when she spoke to her class, so she researched her presentation topic thoroughly.

In other words, Dee-Dee did not want to

- ☐ **A.** say something false in what she was reporting in her presentation.
- ☐ **B.** say something against what she was reporting in her presentation.
- ☐ **C.** say something she hated about what was in her presentation.
- ☐ **D.** say something without her presentation.

11. People who suffer from allergies often take a type of medicine called an **antihistamine**. What does an antihistamine do?

- ☐ **A.** It acts against histamines.
- ☐ **B.** It works with histamines.
- ☐ **C.** It combines with histamines.
- ☐ **D.** It increases the amount of histamines.

12. Using your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and word roots, answer the question.

Khalid studies **astrophysics** at a university in Illinois.

Which textbook does Khalid most likely use if he studies **astrophysics**?

- ☐ **A.** *How Plants Grow*
- ☐ **B.** *Animals of the Sea*

- ☒ **C.** *Surviving in the Jungle*
- ☒ **D.** *Understanding Stars and Planets*

13. Identify the meaning of the root word underlined within the following word:
graduation

- ☒ **A.** to speak
- ☒ **B.** to hear
- ☒ **C.** to step
- ☒ **D.** to weigh

14. Using your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and word roots, answer the question.

Many schools are beginning to outlaw **corporal** punishment.

What does the word **corporal** mean in the sentence above?

- ☒ **A.** heated
- ☒ **B.** bodily
- ☒ **C.** deathly
- ☒ **D.** false

15. Identify the meaning of the root word underlined within the following word:
temporary

- ☒ **A.** roll
- ☒ **B.** time
- ☒ **C.** move
- ☒ **D.** hand

16. If a statue is made out of wood, which of these words correctly describes the statue?

- ☒ **A.** wooded
- ☒ **B.** woody
- ☒ **C.** wooden

☒ **D.** non-wood

17.

Every **bibliophile** will be happy with the new reading room on the second floor of the museum. The area is well-lit and filled with books of all kinds.

A **bibliophile** must be

- ☒ **A.** a person who sells books.
- ☒ **B.** a librarian.
- ☒ **C.** a famous author.
- ☒ **D.** a person who loves books.

18. A person who is characterized by joy can be described as

- ☒ **A.** joyous.
- ☒ **B.** enjoyable.
- ☒ **C.** joyless.
- ☒ **D.** enjoyment.

19. Identify the meaning of the root word underlined within the following word:
description

- ☒ **A.** write
- ☒ **B.** mix
- ☒ **C.** close
- ☒ **D.** move

20. Using your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and word roots, answer the question.

Our biology teacher said not to concern ourselves with one small area of the world, but to think about the entire **macrocosm**.

What does the word **macrocosm** mean in the sentence above?

- ☒ **A.** a small town
- ☒ **B.** specific details

- ☒ C. rivers and streams
- ☒ D. the world as a whole

21. Charles Lindbergh was born on February 4, 1902, in Detroit, Michigan. In 1919 Lindbergh completed the first nonstop solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean. In his single-engine monoplane, *Spirit of St. Louis*, Lindbergh left Roosevelt Field in New York City at 7:52 A.M. on May 20, 1927. After a flight of 33 hours 32 minutes, he landed at Le Bourget Airport near Paris, France.

Which word correctly describes Lindbergh's flight?

- ☒ A. interatlantic
- ☒ B. transatlantic
- ☒ C. preatlantic
- ☒ D. subatlantic

22. Using your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and word roots, answer the question.

In college, Brian joined a **fraternity** because he enjoys living with his buddies.

What does the word **fraternity** mean in the sentence above?

- ☒ A. a dormitory
- ☒ B. a school for boys
- ☒ C. a brotherhood
- ☒ D. an athletic center

23. Some distance runners eat a banana as part of their pre-race ritual. When do they eat a banana?

- ☒ A. during their race
- ☒ B. after their race
- ☒ C. when they win a race
- ☒ D. before their race

24. "That's the most amazing skateboard trick I've ever seen!" my friend Tommy said. "That's _____!"

- ☐ **A.** belief
- ☐ **B.** unbelievable
- ☐ **C.** believable
- ☐ **D.** disbelieve

25. Using your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and word roots, answer the question.

We sat in a **semicircle** and watched the instructor at the front of the room.

What does the word **semicircle** mean in the sentence above?

- ☐ **A.** two circles
- ☐ **B.** full circle
- ☐ **C.** small circle
- ☐ **D.** half circle

26. Whatever happened to those robotic maids promised way back in the 1960s? Cartoons like "The Jetsons" included all kinds of neat inventions that were expected to be part of everyday life in the 21st century. Real life in the 21st century is not quite as amazing as old science fiction shows imagined. However, one of Britain's top **futurologists** promises exciting changes on the horizon.

A **futurologist** is a person who

- ☐ **A.** invents new things.
- ☐ **B.** writes television shows about the future.
- ☐ **C.** studies the future.
- ☐ **D.** is afraid of the future.

27. Which of the choices correctly describes a person who is semi-retired?

- ☐ **A.** The person has partly retired, but still works sometimes.
 - ☐ **B.** The person works full time and is not considered retired at all.
 - ☐ **C.** The person is officially retired.
 - ☐ **D.** The person has been retired for a very long time.
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28. Using your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and word roots, answer the question.

Using the **periscope**, we could see everything on all sides of the ship.

What does the prefix **peri-** mean in the word **periscope**?

- ☐ A. far
- ☐ B. half
- ☐ C. center
- ☐ D. around

29. Identify the meaning of the prefix fore within the following word:
foreclose

- ☐ A. before
- ☐ B. over
- ☐ C. since
- ☐ D. after

30. Identify the meaning of the root word active within the following word:
active

- ☐ A. to roll
- ☐ B. close, end
- ☐ C. do, move
- ☐ D. write

31. Using your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and word roots, answer the question.

Chemicals from factories along the shore cause pollution for **marine** wildlife.

What does the word **marine** mean in the sentence above?

- ☐ A. a color between blue and green
- ☐ B. having to do with factories
- ☐ C. animals hurt by certain chemicals
- ☐ D. having to do with the sea

32. What might a person expect from a golf ball that is **aerodynamic**?

- ☐ **A.** It is very strong.
- ☐ **B.** It explodes like dynamite when it is hit.
- ☐ **C.** It flies through the air.
- ☐ **D.** It costs a lot of money.

33. Using your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and word roots, answer the question.

The bear was **dormant**, but Karen knew he might awake at any time.

What does the word **dormant** mean in the sentence above?

- ☐ **A.** inactive
- ☐ **B.** angry
- ☐ **C.** distant
- ☐ **D.** flexible

34. Using your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and word roots, answer the question.

Her stomach felt better after she took an **antacid** tablet.

What does the word **antacid** mean in the sentence above?

- ☐ **A.** half acid
- ☐ **B.** around acid
- ☐ **C.** upon acid
- ☐ **D.** against acid

35. Identify the meaning of the root word revolve within the following word:

- ☐ **A.** to close
- ☐ **B.** to roll
- ☐ **C.** to speak

☒ **D.** to mix

36. Using your knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and word roots, answer the question.

The **epicenter** of Cary's social life was the theater.

What does the word **epicenter** mean in the sentence above?

- ☒ **A.** large area
- ☒ **B.** star gazing
- ☒ **C.** heated room
- ☒ **D.** focal point

37. How does an animal that is a **biped** move around?

- ☒ **A.** on two feet
- ☒ **B.** on four legs
- ☒ **C.** on its stomach
- ☒ **D.** on wings

38. Identify the meaning of the prefix underlined within the following word: re**name**

- ☒ **A.** forward
- ☒ **B.** again
- ☒ **C.** under
- ☒ **D.** over

39. The beginning of the 21st century has not seen the kind of exciting "space age" gadgets that some people predicted long ago. But that could change as the speed of technological development keeps increasing and people care more and more about how they live and how they spend their free time.

Which word from the passage means "said before"?

- ☒ **A.** technological
- ☒ **B.** development
- ☒ **C.** predicted

☒ **D.** increasing

40. The United States celebrated its centennial anniversary when it turned 100 in 1876. What anniversary did it celebrate in 1976?

- ☒ **A.** tricentennial
- ☒ **B.** precentennial
- ☒ **C.** bicentennial
- ☒ **D.** uncentennial