

Affixes and Roots

1. From the words "homeless" and "hopeless," you can tell that the suffix "-less" relates to
 - A. being full of.
 - B. made of.
 - C. capable of.
 - D. being without.
2. From the words kingdom and freedom you can tell that the suffix "-dom" means
 - A. a place or state of being.
 - B. in a way or manner.
 - C. having the qualities of.
 - D. an action or process.

3.

Karen must return the misappropriated funds to the government by next Wednesday.

What is the meaning of the prefix "mis-" in this sentence?

- A. under or below
 - B. against
 - C. again
 - D. bad or wrong
4. From the words "magnificent," "magnitude," and "magnify," you can tell that the root word "magni-" relates to
 - A. being large in size.
 - B. bearing or carrying.
 - C. the study of.
 - D. being small in size.
5. One of the meanings of the word "conception" is "thought, idea, or belief." Which of these prefixes should be added to "conception" to make it mean "a wrong or erroneous belief"?
 - A. mis-
 - B. anti-
 - C. non-
 - D. dis-

6. Study this chart of root words. Then read the sentence below.

Root Word	Meaning
loco	place
logo	study
loqu	talk
lot	wash

The teacher was so loquacious, many of her students fell asleep in class.

Which is the root word of the word "loquacious"?

- A. logo
- B. loco
- C. lot
- D. loqu

7.

Hampton's biennial Rosebud Contest is always held at the Coliseum.

What does the word biennial mean in this sentence?

- A. once every year
- B. the year before
- C. every two years
- D. again this year

8. From the words "symphony" and "homophone," the reader can conclude that the Latin root word "phon-" relates to

- A. light.
- B. sound.
- C. fear.
- D. weight.

Many libraries in the United States have instituted interlibrary loan programs, which provide access to materials from all over the country. Patrons can request many different types of materials, including books, CDs, microfilms, audio or video recordings, sheet music, and maps, from both public and private library collections. Materials may be delivered to the requesting library by courier or by mail. In some cases, patrons

may be charged a fee to use this service. Fees associated with interlibrary loan programs are generally small and cover only the shipping or delivery costs.

9. In the passage above, the word "interlibrary" means

- A. between libraries.
- B. within libraries.
- C. many libraries.
- D. for libraries.

10. Which of the following suffixes means "without"?

- A. -ness
- B. -less
- C. -esque
- D. -ly

11. Contrary to popular belief, police detectives are actually open to the paranormal when trying to crack unsolved crimes. They sometimes seek out psychics. Psychics can provide insight or clues into motives or where bodies are located.

Which of the following prefixes in the passage means "beyond"?

- A. para-
- B. con-
- C. in-
- D. un-

12. The young mother looked down upon her two children playing by the brook. She noticed how picturesque they looked, laughing and splashing the water on the rocks. She imagined a painting in her head of this moment, so that she could always remember it. Then she picked up her vegetable basket, called to the cat, and went back inside the small house.

What does the suffix mean in the term "picturesque" in the paragraph above?

- A. unlike
- B. trained
- C. resembling
- D. old

13. Which of the following suffixes means "having qualities of"?

- A. -ward
- B. -logy
- C. -less
- D. -ous