



Vocabulary Power



Lesson 6 Word Families

Word families are groups of words that contain the same roots or base words. Base words are roots that are complete words. The root or base word gives a word its main meaning. A prefix or suffix combined with the root or base word gives the word a different meaning. In this lesson, you'll learn words in the same word families.

Word List

consecrate
desecrate
immortality

irrevocable
moribund
mortify

revoke
sacrilege

vocation
vociferous

EXERCISE A Root and Base Words **Sample dictionary definitions are provided.**

Look up each boldfaced word in a dictionary and write its meaning. Use the dictionary entry to underline the root or base word. Then, on the line provided, write a sentence using the word.

1. sacrilege Dictionary definition sacrilege: offense against something sacred or holy

2. desecrate Dictionary definition desecrate: to violate the sacredness of something holy

3. consecrate Dictionary definition consecrate: to declare something sacred

4. mortify Dictionary definition mortify: to cause someone to experience deep shame, to humiliate

5. moribund Dictionary definition moribund: about to die, become obsolete

6. immortality Dictionary definition immortality: endless life or existence, fame

7. vocation Dictionary definition vocation: job for which a person is especially well suited, calling

8. revoke Dictionary definition revoke: to cancel or make invalid

9. irrevocable Dictionary definition irrevocable: not able to be canceled or impossible to change

10. vociferous Dictionary definition vociferous: noisy, offensively loud
