UNNECESSARILY BIG WORD ANSWER KEY

Terms:

1. Prefix: a letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a word

2. Root: the base component of a word; the main meaning which may be modified by the prefix

3. Suffix: a letter or group of letters added to the end of a word. These usually give clues to the word’s part of speech more so than its meaning.

Example: prediction. pre= before / dict = to say / ion = noun ending

Saying something before it happens.

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| PREFIXES | MEANING | EXAMPLES |
| 1. Mono | one | Monosyllabic, Monogram |
| 1. Di | two | Dilemma, Dissect |
| 1. Bi | two | Bicycle, Biennial, Bisexual |
| 1. Tri | Three | Triangle, Trimester |
| 1. Quad/Quar/Quart | Four | Quadrilateral, Quarter, Quart |
| ROOTS | MEANING | EXAMPLES |
| 1. Sect | Cut, piece or part | Dissect, Bisect |
| 1. Log/logue/logy | Speech / study | Monologue, Dialogue, Biology |
| 1. Am/amor | Love | Amorous, Amateur |
| 1. Cent | Hundred | Centipede, Centennial |
| 1. Gam | Marriage | Monogamous, Polygamous, Bigamy |
| SUFFIXES | MEANING/ PART OF SPEECH | EXAMPLES |
| 1. -able, -ible | Able, Can do (adj) | Capable, Agreeable, Visible |
| 1. -er, -or | One who (noun) | Dancer, Rider, Doctor |
| 1. -fy | Make (verb) | Fortify, Amplify |
| 1. -ism | Practice of (noun) | Rationalism, Catholicism |
| 1. -ist | One who is occupied with (noun) | Dentist, Feminist |
| 1. -less | Without (adj) | Careless, Hopeless |
| 1. -ous | Characterized by, possessing (adj) | Nervous, Spacious |
| 1. -ness | State of (noun) | Happiness, Carelessness |
| 1. -ship | Office, state of (noun) | Friendship, Authorship, Dictatorship |
| 1. -ate | Cause, make (verb) | Liquidate, Replicate |