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 |
| 1. Penta | Five | Pentagon, Pentagram |
| 1. Poly | Many | Polygamist, Polygon, Polytheism |
| 1. Uni | One | Uniform, Unicycle |
| 1. Ambi/Amphi | Both | Ambidextrous, Amphibious |
| 1. Hyper | Over, above | Prototype, Protoplasm |
| 1. Hypo | Lacking, not enough, under |  |
| 1. Bio | Life |  |
| 1. Com/Con/Col | With, together |  |
| 1. Anti | Against |  |
| 1. Pro | Forward, in favor of |  |
| 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 |
| 1. Ped/pod | Foot | Monopod, Bipod, Podiatrist |
| 1. Graph/gram | Writing | Monogram, Pentagram |
| 1. Morph | Shape | Polymorph, Metamorphosis |
| 1. Ann/enn | Year | Annual, Perennial, Bicentennial |
| 1. Arch | Ruler, main | Monarch, Anarchy |
| 1. Dext | Hand |  |
| 1. Cycle | Full Circle |  |
| 1. Scribe/Script | Write |  |
| 1. Tract | Pull |  |
| 1. Dict | Say |  |
| SUFFIXES | MEANING/ PART OF SPEECH | EXAMPLES |
| 1. -able, -ible | Able, Can do, (adj.) |  |
| 1. -er, -or | One who (n.) |  |
| 1. -fy | Make (verb) |  |
| 1. -ism | Practice of (n) |  |
| 1. -ist | One who is occupied with (n) |  |
| 1. -less | W/O (adj) |  |
| 1. -ous | Characterized by, possessing (adj) |  |
| 1. -ness | State of (n.) |  |
| 1. -ship | Office, state (n.) |  |
| 10) -ate | Cause, make (v.) |  |