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.) |  |