

## Spelling/Vocabulary #1

The following stems and work are taken from The Word Within the Word by Michael Clay Thompson (Royal Fireworks Press 2003). The workbook is available for you to check out. Mr. Thompson suggests that students memorize 25 stems a week, but we felt it was more reasonable to really work with and know 10 stems a week.

I. Work with the stems below. Find three more words that contain this stem and that don't appear in this worksheet.

1. **sub** (Latin) UNDER: The lieutenant gave a sharp order to her **subordinate**.

a. Sample words: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **anti** (Greek) AGAINST: The **antiaircraft** fire shot down the enemy planes.

a. Sample words: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **bi** (Latin) TWO: The two nations have a **bilateral** agreement.

a. Sample words: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **circum** (Latin) AROUND: The **circumspect** spy is difficult to catch.

a. Sample words: \_\_\_\_\_

5. **com** (Latin) TOGETHER: The two together are an interesting **combination**.

a. Sample words: \_\_\_\_\_

6. **con** (Latin) TOGETHER: He was **confined** to the asteroid's detention center.

a. Sample words: \_\_\_\_\_

7. **de** (Latin) DOWN: The lunar lander **descended** through the atmosphere.

a. Sample words: \_\_\_\_\_

8. **dis** (Latin) AWAY: His attention was easily **distracted**.

a. Sample words: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **equi** (Latin) EQUAL: She made an **equilateral** triangle with three straws.

a. Sample words: \_\_\_\_\_

10. **extra** (Latin) BEYOND: It was an **extraordinary** achievement.

a. Sample words: \_\_\_\_\_

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II. Answer three of the following questions and **explain your reasoning**.

1. Does an **anticlimax** enhance a play's conclusion?
2. Can the president make a **bilateral** decision by him / herself?
3. Does a drill sergeant encourage troops to **circumvent** the rules?
4. Is a **distortion** a faithful account of what happened?
5. If **nav** means ship, explain the origin of the word **circumnavigate**.

III. The following are analogies. You need to find the similarity between the first set of words and then find that same similarity in one of the second sets of words. Circle the correct answer.

circumvent : comply ::

noncooperation : complaisance

superior : subordinate

preposition : position

circumnavigate : navigate

circumspect : reckless ::

philanthropist : misanthropy

laggard : dullard

monarchy : anarchy

belligence : treaty