

### Spelling/Vocabulary #3

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**.

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2. **super** (Latin) OVER: The talkative food made several **superfluous** comments.

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3. **syn** (Greek) TOGETHER: Please **synchronize** your watches at this time.

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4. **tri** (Greek) THREE: Rome was sometimes rule by a **triumvirate**.

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5. **un** (Old English) NOT: **Unearned** income must be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

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6. **archy** (Greek) GOVERNMENT: England is, or once was, rule by a **monarchy**.

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7. **ard** (Germanic) ALWAYS: The **dullard** was always boring everyone to tears.

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8. **cide** (Latin) KILL: In killing his father, Oedipus was guilty of **patricide**.

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9. **ician** (Latin) SPECIALIST: Mustafa is an electronic **technician**.

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10. **itis** (Greek) INFLAMMATION: The **dermatitis** on his skin was painful and unpleasant.

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

1. Is your **subordinate** your boss?
2. Is a **superfluous** comment unnecessary?
3. Would a party full of **dullards** be exciting?
4. Can you suffer from **dermatitis** if your liver is inflamed?
5. Is our government a form of a **triarchy**? Why or why not?
6. What stems / words from this list do you associate with feelings of anger? Why?

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.

1. superfluous : idolizing a. depression : euphoria b. condescension : admiration c. synthesis : antithesis d. zenith : nadir	2. prenatal : posthumous :: a. bilateral : unilateral b. pathogen : syndrome c. intravenous : vein d. subterfuge : evasion
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