

Spelling/Vocabulary #5

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. (2)

1. **dict** (Latin) SAY: Do you have your own **dictionary**?

a. Sample words: _____

2. **cred** (Latin) BELIEVE: A **credulous** person will believe anything.

a. Sample words: _____

3. **neo** (Greek) NEW: Homer was **neophyte** in the business world, but he learned quickly.

a. Sample words: _____

4. **ad** (Latin) TO: The **adhesive** allowed the poster to stick to the wall.

a. Sample words: _____

5. **cent** (Latin) ONE HUNDRED: Fortunately, the **centipede** wears no shoes.

a. Sample words: _____

6. **cede** (Latin) GO: At last the flood waters began to **recede** from the land.

a. Sample words: _____

7. **miss** (Latin) SEND: The unfortunate **missionary** was sent to the cannibal tribe.

a. Sample words: _____

8. **centri** (Latin) CENTER: The ripples on the pond spread out in the **concentric** circles.

a. Sample words: _____

9. **biblio** (Greek) BOOK: The quick-reading Hortense was a lifelong **bibliophile**.

a. Sample words: _____

10. **anthropo** (Greek) MAN: The unsympathetic grouch was sometimes called a **misanthropist**.

a. Sample words: _____

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II. Answer three of the following questions and **explain your reasoning**. (3)

1. Does an **anthropologist** hate mankind?
2. Can an **incredulous** person believe what is happening?
3. Is it good to be **remiss** in your duties?
4. Is a king an **anarchist**? (Refer to our previous lists.)
5. When was the last time you were **incredulous**? What happened to make you feel that way?
6. How many things can you think of that are composed of or resemble **concentric** circles?
7. What stems on this week's list can you associate with education? 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. (4)

1. anthropologist : anthropology :: a. science : scientist b. biology : biologist c. captain : ship d. artist : art	2. neologism : word :: a. neophyte : plant b. neon : chemist c. neolithic : savage d. neoclassic : old classic
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