

EN99 Basic English

Word Studies Homework 1

Due Thursday, February 6, 2014

ROOTS AND AFFIXES

Study roots and affixes 1-10 until you know them well enough to write their meanings by memory. Without looking up the answers, list the meanings of the following. Give one example for each. Can you think of an original example?

Stems	Meaning	Example	Stem	Meaning	Example
1. ante			2. bi		
3. co, com, con			4. de		
5. equi			6. inter		
7. intra			8. mal		
9. post			10. pre		

Using a dictionary if necessary, determine the relationship between each pair of words. Circle the second pair of words that most closely matches the relationship of the first pair. Give a brief explanation of your reasoning.

- antebellum : belligerency :: antiaircraft : aircraft
nonstop : continuous
cause : effect
morning : afternoon
reasoning -
- interstellar : stellar :: submarine : marine
interstate : intrastate
mortar : bricks
intracellular : cell
reasoning -
- biped : bicycle :: quadruped : automobile
rectangle : tetragon
binary : unitary
biceps : triceps
reasoning -

Using a dictionary if necessary, answer the following questions.

- On what part of the body would an **intracranial** operation take place? _____
- List as many words as you can think of that contain the prefix **pre**.

- What is the difference between **interstate** highways and **intrastate** highways?

- Are politicians morally obligated to speak **unequivocally**, or do they have a practical right to be **equivocal** in order to be elected?

SPELLING

Neatly and thoughtfully write spelling words 1-10 five times each.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

DICTION

For diction items 1-3, give original examples. Follow the format of the diction items in your GSBC Basic English Handbook.

1. A, AN

The indefinite article *a* is used before words starting with a consonant sound.

Incorrect: _____

Correct: _____

The indefinite article *an* is used before words starting with a vowel sound.

Incorrect: _____

Correct: _____

2. AIN'T

The contraction *ain't* is the improper form of *am not* or *is not*.

Incorrect: _____

Correct: _____

Incorrect: _____

Correct: _____

3. ALRIGHT, ALL RIGHT

In formal writing, use the two words *all right* rather than the less accepted *alright*.

Avoid: _____

Correct: _____