

EN99 Basic English

Word Studies Homework 2

Due Monday, February 4, 2013

ROOTS AND AFFIXES

Study roots and affixes 11-20 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
11. anti			12. circum		
13. dis			14. extra		
15. intro			16. mis		
17. non			18. semi		
19. super			20. un		

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.

- superfluous : inadequate :: excess : insufficiency
malevolence : benevolence
superior : mediocre
euphony : cacophony
reasoning -
- circumvent : comply :: superior : subordinate
preposition : position
noncooperation : complaisance
circumnavigate : navigate
reasoning -
- supercilious : idolizing :: depression : euphoria
condescension : admiration
synthesis : antithesis
zenith : nadir
reasoning -

Using a dictionary if necessary, answer the following questions.

- Invent three words that combine two or more roots and affixes from last week and this week (the first twenty items on your roots and affixes list).

- If **nav** means ship, explain the origin of the word **circumnavigate**.

- If you could do something truly **extraordinary**, what would it be? Take several sentences to explain.

SPELLING

Neatly and thoughtfully write spelling words 11-20 five times each.

11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

DICTION

For diction items 4-6, give original examples. Follow the format of the diction items in your GSBC Basic English Handbook.

4. ANYWHERE, NOWHERE, SOMEWHERE, EVERYWHERE, ANYWAYS

It is not necessary to add and -s to the words *anywhere*, *nowhere*, *somewhere*, *everywhere*, and *anyway*

Incorrect: I could not find my lost key ring anywheres.

Correct: _____

Incorrect: I looked everywhere for it and still could not find it.

Correct: _____

Incorrect: I will keep looking anyways.

Correct: _____

5. ARE, HOUR, OUR

Don't misspell these words that sound similar but have completely different meanings.

The word *are* is a verb that is used as a helping verb or a linking verb.

Example 1: _____

The word *hour* is a noun that is a unit of time.

Example 2: _____

The word *our* is a pronoun that shows possession.

Example 3: _____

6. BETWEEN YOU AND I, FOR YOU AND I

Between and *for* are both prepositions, and any pronoun that is the object of a preposition (like *I* in the examples above) should be in objective case, as seen on your items to memorize list. The pronoun *I* is subjective case, which means it can only be used to replace nouns used as subjects or predicate nominatives, not objects of the preposition. So the correct pronoun in both cases above would be *me* and not *I*.

Incorrect: Between you and I, this acting is terrible!

Correct: _____

Incorrect: Mom bought a bag of candy for you and I to share!

Correct: _____