

ROOT WORDS

Inferential Understanding

ROOT	MEANING	EXAMPLE
capt	take	capture; captive
locus	place	local; location
mit / mis	send	emit; mission
pel	push	propel; repel
port	carry	portable; import
spec / spic	see; examine	prospect; inspection
tract	pull	traction; tractor

PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
a	not	a sexual
anti	against	antifreeze
bi	two	bi cycle
ex	out of	exit
in	not	in considerate
mis	wrong, bad	mis use
non	not	nonsense
pre	before	preview
post	after	post date
re	again, back	return
sub	under	sub marine
uni	one	unity

SUFFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
able, ible	able to	reasonable, responsible
al	relating to	electrical
ance, ence	state of	reluctance, magnificence
er, or, ist	one who does	writ er , typ ist
ful	full of	grate ful
ic	nature of	hero ic
ion	condition of	celebration
ive	tending toward	active
ment	result of, act of	amuse ment
ous	full of	suspicious

COMBINING FORM	MEANING	EXAMPLE
auto	self, same	autograph
audio	hearing	audience
bio	life	biology
geno	race, kind	gen ealogy
hetero	other	hetero sexual
homo	same	homo sexual
logue	word, speech	diab
mono	one	btone
phil, philo	having a fondness or care	philanderer, philosopher
	for	
poly	many	polynomial
tele	distant	telecommunication