**Benchmark II Roots/Vocabulary**

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| ***Root*** | **Root Meaning** | **Vocabulary Word** | **Word Meaning** |
|  |  | **abject** | (of a situation or condition) extremely bad, unpleasant, and degrading |
|  |  | **aery** | Ethereal (light, airy); aerial  |
|  |  | **affinity** | a spontaneous or natural liking or sympathy for someone or something |
|  |  | **angular** | (of an object, outline, or shape) having angles or sharp corners |
|  |  | **azure** | bright blue in color, like a cloudless sky |
|  |  | **bereft** | deprived of or lacking something, especially a nonmaterial asset |
|  |  | **caprice** | a sudden and unaccountable change of mood or behavior |
|  |  | **choric** | belonging to, spoken by, or resembling a chorus in drama or recitation |
|  |  | **disparate** | essentially different in kind; not allowing comparison |
|  |  | **epoch** | a period of time in history or a person's life, typically one marked by notable events or particular characteristics |
|  |  | **erudite** | having or showing great knowledge or learning |
|  |  | **fervent** | having or displaying a passionate intensity |
|  |  | **flaunting** | displaying (something) ostentatiously, especially in order to provoke envy or admiration or to show defiance |
|  |  | **impetuous** | acting or done quickly and without thought or care |
|  |  | **incontrovertible** | not able to be denied or disputed |
|  |  | **infidel** | a person who does not believe in religion or who adheres to a religion other than one's own |
|  |  | **lyre** | a stringed instrument like a small U-shaped harp with strings fixed to a crossbar, used especially in ancient Greece |
|  |  | **oblivion** | the state of being unaware or unconscious of what is happening |
|  |  | **obscure** | not discovered or known about; uncertain |
|  |  | **obstinate** | stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, despite attempts to persuade one to do so |
|  |  | **onerousness** | Troublesome or oppressive; burdensome |
|  |  | **overt** | done or shown openly; plainly or readily apparent, not secret or hidden |
|  |  | **penitent** | feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentant |
|  |  | **penury** | extreme poverty; destitution |
|  |  | **pervasive** | (especially of an unwelcome influence or physical effect) spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people |
|  |  | **pragmatic** | dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations |
|  |  | **premonition** | a strong feeling that something is about to happen, especially something unpleasant |
|  |  | **prescient** | having or showing knowledge of events before they take place |
|  |  | **pumice** | a very light and porous volcanic rock formed when a gas-rich froth of glassy lava solidifies rapidly |
|  |  | **reverie** | a state of being pleasantly lost in one's thoughts; a daydream |
|  |  | **rhetorical** | expressed in terms intended to persuade or impress; (of a question) asked in order to produce an effect or to make a statement rather than to elicit information |
|  |  | **rustic** | of or relating to the countryside; rural |
|  |  | **sepulcher** | a small room or monument, cut in rock or built of stone, in which a dead person is laid or buried |
|  |  | **solicitous** | characterized by or showing interest or concern |
|  |  | **sordid** | involving ignoble actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt |
|  |  | **squalid** | (of a place) extremely dirty and unpleasant, especially as a result of poverty or neglect |
|  |  | **stalwart** | loyal, reliable, and hardworking |
|  |  | **stoic** | a person who can endure pain or hardship without showing their feelings or complaining |
|  |  | **stringent** | (of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting |
|  |  | **transience** | the state or fact of lasting only for a short time; transitory nature |

**Practice: Choose 2 roots and find 3 other words that you have never heard of before that use those roots.**

**Root 1: Words:**

**Root 2: Words:**