

Greek and Latin Roots Practice Exercises

Practice Exercise

Circle the correct meaning for the italicized word in each sentence.

1. The Latin root *am* means love. An *amiable* person is
 1. talkative.
 2. truthful.
 3. well educated.
 4. friendly, good natured.
2. The Latin root *plac* means to please. A *complacent* person is one who
 1. makes frequent mistakes.
 2. is argumentative.
 3. is self-satisfied.
 4. is known to tell frequent lies.
3. The Latin root *luc/lum/lus* means light. A *lucid* argument is
 1. very clear and understandable.
 2. loosely held together.
 3. illogical.
 4. one that blames others.
4. The Latin root *qui* means quiet. A *quiescent* place is
 1. very isolated.
 2. very chaotic.
 3. very dangerous.
 4. very still and restful.
5. The Latin root *loc/log/loqu* means word, speech. Something that is *eloquent* is
 1. dull and trite.
 2. expressed in an effective way.
 3. very old-fashioned.
 4. equally divided into parts.
6. The Greek word *auto* means self. To have *autonomy* means to
 1. have a lot of money.
 2. be independent.
 3. have courage.
 4. have strong opinions.
7. The Greek root *pas/pat/path* means feeling, suffering, disease. To have *empathy* is to
 1. give to others.
 2. have a love for others.
 3. identify with the feelings of others.
 4. be similar to others.
8. The Greek root *pseudo* means false, fake. The root *nom/nym* means name. A *pseudonym* is
 1. a false name.
 2. an ancient god or deity.
 3. a harsh sound.

4. a long and boring speech.
9. The Greek root *dog/dox* means *opinion*. The suffix *-ic* means *having the quality of*. A person who is *dogmatic* is
 1. not in touch with reality.
 2. intolerant of other opinions.
 3. one who asserts opinions in an arrogant way.
 4. secretive and ungenerous.
10. The Greek root *phil* means *love* and the root *anthro/andro* means *human*. *Philanthropy* is
 1. the love of humankind.
 2. a preference for something in particular.
 3. using force to control others.
 4. spreading unkind rumors.

Tip

Even if you don't have a clue about what a new word means, look at it closely and see if it sounds similar to another word you know, or if it has parts similar to other words you know.