

GRE VOCABULARY EXERCISES

VOCABULARY IA

| A. <u>WORDS</u> | <u>GREEK ROOT WORDS</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. congenital | gen - birth, race, kind |
| 2. hydrophyte | hydr - water |
| 3. pandemonium | pan - all |
| 4. philanderer | phil - love |
| 5. theology | theo - god |
| 6. stethoscope | scope - see |
| 7. misanthrope | anthrop (o) - man, mankind |
| 8. exogamy | gam - marriage |
| 9. pathos | path - feeling, suffering, disease |
| 10. metamorphosis | morph - form |
| 11. megaphone | mega - great |
| 12. microfilm | micro - small |
| 13. macrocosm | macro - great |
| 14. oligarchy | arch - first, ancient, chief |

NOTE:

- oli - few
- exo - outside
- phon - sound, voice
- mis - hate
- logy - study of
- con - with
- demon - devil

phyte - plant

cosm - universe

DIRECTIONS: Complete the following sentences using the words above.

1. Expectant mothers must take prenatal care in order to avoid having babies with _____ disorders.
2. The Nitsilik stress _____ while the !kung stress endogamy.
3. "The Champ" aroused a feeling of _____ within me.
4. The frog and butterfly are examples of creatures which undergo _____.
5. Cheerleaders use _____ during pep rallies.
6. Would you expect _____ in a church?
7. Many political parties advocate _____.
8. Photographed documents reduced in size are stored in _____.
9. The concept of the universe is referred to as _____.
10. A ladies' man is also called a _____.
11. The doctor uses a _____ to check the rate of the heart.
12. When you take a botany class, you will study _____.
13. A theologian is one who studies _____.
14. People who are _____ are considered hermits.

- Answers:
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|------------------|------------------|
| 1. congenital | 8. microfilm |
| 2. exogamy | 9. macrocosm |
| 3. pathos | 10. philanderer |
| 4. metamorphosis | 11. stethoscope |
| 5. megaphones | 12. hydrophytes |
| 6. pandemonium | 13. theology |
| 7. oligarchy | 14. misanthropes |

VOCABULARY IB
Session I - GREEK ROOTS

DIRECTIONS: Choose from the words below to complete each sentence in the self-test.

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| 1. dynamics | 7. thermodynamics |
| 2. acronym | 8. pyrography |
| 3. protozoa | 9. pedagogy |
| 4. pyrotechnics | 10. pathos |
| 5. pediatrician | 11. endogamy |
| 6. podiatrist | 12. misanthropist |

NOTE:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| ic - being | mis - hate |
| acro - tip | graph - writing |
| technics - skill, craft | endo - inside |
| thermo - heat | y - act of |
| cian - one who | zoa - animal |
| ist - one who | agogy - leading |

SELF-TEST

1. The first one-celled animals known are the _____.
2. One who treats foot diseases is called a _____.
3. You take your child to see a _____.
4. The study of heat and electrical energy is _____.
5. SLAC is an _____ for the Student Learning Assistance Center.
6. Would you expect to see _____ on July 4 or on Easter?
7. I saw the _____ involved in organizing a banquet when I was selected as social director.

8. The art of teaching children is known as _____.
9. The art of burning leather or wood is known as _____.
10. Starving children in India arouse a feeling of _____ in me.
11. Scrooge is a _____.
12. Primitive tribes often avoid _____ in order to gain alliances.

ANSWERS:

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|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. protozoa | 5. acronym | 9. pyrography |
| 2. podiatrist | 6. pyrotechnics | 10. pathos |
| 3. pediatrician | 7. dynamics | 11. misanthropist |
| 4. thermodynamics | 8. pedagogy | 12. endogamy |

VOCABULARY IC
Session II-Greek Roots

SELF-TEST

MATCHING

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1. cyclorama | 7. geriatrics |
| 2. dogmatic | 8. hematoma |
| 3. dramaturgy | 9. synopsis |
| 4. encyclical | 10. unorthodox |
| 5. synergetic | 11. psychiatrist |
| 6. agnostic | 12. hemorrhage |

- a. unconventional.
- b. marked by an authoritarian ascertaining of principles.
- c. a letter intended for broad general circulation.
- d. working together in a cooperative manner.

- e. one who doubts the existence of God or absolute truth; one who believes that we can't know the true nature of God.
- f. circular room with murals painted all around the walls.
- g. energy at work on the stage.
- h. branch of medicine dealing with diseases of old age.
- i. a blood-filled tumor.
- j. a brief summary (as of a novel or play).
- k. bleeding.
- l. one who heals the mind/spirit.

ANSWERS:

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| 1. f | 5. d | 9. j |
| 2. b | 6. e | 10. a |
| 3. g | 7. h | 11. l |
| 4. c | 8. i | 12. k |

VOCABULARY ID

Latin Roots

- 1. AM, AMAT - love, loving
Derivatives: amorous, amiable, amity
- 2. AQUA - water
Derivatives: aquamarine, aquarium, aquaplane
- 3. BENE - good
Derivatives: benefactor, benevolent, benign
- 4. CARN - flesh
Derivatives: carnivore, reincarnation, carnal
- 5. CORP - body
Derivatives: corpse, corpuscle, incorporate

6. CRED - believes
Derivatives: credible, creed, incredible

SELF-TEST

1. John is an _____ character.
a. benign b. amorous c. aquaplane
2. Margaret Mead is a _____ anthropologist.
a. corpse b. credible c. amiable
3. The results of the tests showed the tumor to be _____.
a. benefactor b. benign c. incredible
4. Man is a _____.
a. aquarium b. credible c. carnivore
5. The security guard had to identify the _____.
a. reincarnation b. corpse c. aquamarine
6. Many people find the theory of evolution _____.
a. incredible b. creed c. benevolent
7. Everyone has red and white _____ in his body.
a. creed b. corpuscles c. incorporate

8. Boris Karloff lacks _____ qualities.
- a. amiable b. amity c. carnal
9. _____ is the birthstone color for March.
- a. aquamarine b. incredible c. carnal
10. The Catholic religion has many _____ which reflect its religious beliefs.
- a. amiable b. creeds c. corpuscles
11. Marxists have tried to _____ their ideas into our system.
- a. incorporate b. amity c. reincarnation
12. According to the Bible, only one person has been _____.
- a. reincarnated b. incredible c. carnal
13. _____ come in many shapes and sizes and are used to keep fish.
- a. aquariums b. benevolent c. carnal
14. Many primitive hunting and gathering societies control their _____ desires during the deer hunting season.
- a. aquariums b. benevolent c. carnal
15. The Welfare Department functions as a _____ for the government.
- a. benefactor b. benevolent c. credible
16. Elvis Presley is considered a _____ person because he gave jewelry and cars away.

a. b. c.
benefactor benevolent amorous

17. _____ within the Republican Party is necessary for its success.

a. benign b. amity c. carnal

18. If you can ride a surfboard, you can ride an _____.

a. b. c.
carnivore aquaplane aquarium

ANSWERS:

1. b 6. a 11. a 16. b
2. b 7. b 12. a 17. b
3. b 8. a 13. a 18. b
4. c 9. a 14. c
5. b 10. b 15. a

VOCABULARY IE
Session III-Latin Roots

SELF-TEST

DIRECTIONS: Match each word with its definition.

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| 1. agitated _____ | 6. recurrent _____ |
| 2. agile _____ | 7. alienate _____ |
| 3. recapitulation _____ | 8. concise _____ |
| 4. precedent _____ | 9. decapitation _____ |
| 5. unprecedented _____ | 10. degradation _____ |

s. well-coordinated and quick movement or thought

t. to make indifferent, unfriendly, or withdrawn

- u. happening again and again over a period of time
- v. covering much in few words; brief; to the point
- w. a previous act (decision) taken as a valid model
- x. a brief repetition made in order to remind
- y. a major reduction in social status or moral character
- z. to be busy/inactive/nervous or upset
- aa. breaking old records
- bb. to cut off the head

ANSWERS:

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|------|-------|
| 1. h | 6. c |
| 2. a | 7. b |
| 3. f | 8. a |
| 4. e | 9. j |
| 5. i | 10. g |

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**dd. VOCABULARY IF
Session IV-Latin Roots**

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| <u>WORD</u> | <u>LATIN ROOT WORDS</u> |
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| cursory | cursor - runner |
| gesture | gest, ger - carry, to bear |
| accord | cord - heart |
| supportive | portare - carry, endure, sustain |
| apprehensive | prehendere - grasp, take hold of |
| negative | negare - deny |
| gesture | gest, ger - carry, produce |
| gregarious | grex, gregis - flock, herd, belonging to a flock |

ff.

gg. DIRECTIONS: Supply the missing words in the following sentences.

1. _____ was sought between the fighting nations.
2. Some teenagers feel _____ about the future.
3. Her _____ remarks hurt Linda's feelings.
4. He gave the memo a _____ glance.
5. Miss Aguilar has the tendency to _____ throughout her lectures.
6. John is a _____ person.
7. Most women hope to find men who can be _____ in times of crisis.

ANSWERS:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. accord | 5. gesture |
| 2. apprehensive | 6. gregarious |
| 3. negative | 7. supportive |
| 4. cursory | |

VOCABULARY IG POST-TEST

GREEK & LATIN ROOTS

1. Mark is a very _____ person.
2. There was a _____ in South Africa.
3. They cut the fabric with such _____.
4. The noise level in the lab is a _____ problem each semester.

5. After the nasty incident, John was so embarrassed, all he wanted was to _____ quickly.
6. At the _____, we sang religious hymns.
7. We went to the iron _____ to get our metals melted and poured into casts.
8. The Vanderbilts are known as _____.
9. _____ is not accepted with enthusiasm in our culture.
10. Many illnesses are _____ brought about; they originate in the mind.
11. People with the rabies experience _____.
12. During wurstfest, most people experience _____.
13. The Pope was dressed in full _____.
14. College students are thought to be _____.
15. Most actors are _____; they love all women.
16. In Botany, students use _____ to examine specimens.
17. There are people who do not believe in a God of gods. These people are called _____.
18. The Joker is the _____ in Batman.
19. Professor X is very _____; he doesn't listen to reason.
20. The _____ of the war of 1912 is impressive.
21. John thinks he knows everything. He considers himself an _____.
22. Judy's blood doesn't clot because she has _____.
23. The professor gave a _____ of the seminar.

ANSWERS:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. benenolent | 9. endogamy | 17. agnostics |
| 2. pandemonium | 10. psychosomatically | 18. misanthrope |
| 3. conciseness | 11. hydrophobia | 19. dogmatic |
| 4. recurrent | 12. amity | 20. recapitulation |
| 5. metamorphose | 13. regalia | 21. authority |
| 6. theological retreat | 14. amiable | 22. hemophilia |
| 7. foundry | 15. philanderers | 23. synopsis |
| 8. philanthropists | 16. microscopes | |