

## RECOGNITION OF ROOTS

Circle the word closest in meaning to the italicized word in the preceding phrase. The objective of this exercise is not to have you concentrate on the meanings of the words themselves, but to practice recognition of roots within larger words.

1. to <u>retract</u> a statement:	respect affirm withdraw intend
2. <u>tenable</u> beliefs, worthy to be:	proved held changed known
3. <u>cursory</u> examination:	suspicious impatient hasty detailed
4. to <u>vociferate</u> an answer:	call out withhold obtain change
5. to <u>avert</u> the danger:	brave ignore suspect turn aside
6. to <u>contravene</u> a law:	respect go against examine enforce
7. a <u>distended</u> seed pod:	stretched emptied blighted filled
8. <u>constricting</u> action:	freeing killing tightening straightening
9. <u>respiratory</u> organs, concerning:	digestion sight walking breathing
10. <u>rupture</u> of friendship:	beginning continuance breaking cause
11. act with <u>rectitude</u> :	force promptness rightness dishonesty
12. to <u>divert</u> criticism:	provoke turn aside answer prohibit
13. a <u>pendant</u> lamp:	suspended heavy adorned old-fashioned
14. <u>dejected</u> attitude:	merry attentive downcast serious
15. a tendency to <u>retrogress</u> :	surprise consider advance go backward
16. to <u>infuse</u> a flavoring:	detect leave out pour in diminish
17. <u>infinite</u> sorrow:	dramatic trivial pathetic endless
18. <u>fidelity</u> to his wife:	kindness generosity faithfulness disloyalty
19. <u>dictums</u> about thrift:	practices principles saying omissions
20. the assembly <u>convened</u> early:	broke up agreed came together voted
21. <u>precursors</u> of a movement:	adherents observers antagonists forerunners
22. a means of <u>egress</u> :	gain entrance advance exit
23. <u>retrospective</u> thought, marked by:	determining looking back doubting enjoying
24. to <u>evoke</u> protest:	stifle call forth withhold record
25. an <u>abject</u> expression:	downcast happy determined puzzling
26. <u>abstinence</u> in connection with liquor:	indulgence worry withholding indifference
27. <u>efferent</u> blood vessel, one that:	is congested contracts bears outward is weakened
28. an <u>effusion</u> of emotion:	concealing dislike outpouring study

29. with <u>factitious</u> sorrow:	unexpected deep genuine made up
30. the teeth do not <u>occlude</u> :	match close together show decay pain

**ANSWERS:**

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|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. withdraw   | 11. rightness     | 21. forerunners    |
| 2. held       | 12. turn aside    | 22. exit           |
| 3. hasty      | 13. suspended     | 23. looking back   |
| 4. call out   | 14. downcast      | 24. call forth     |
| 5. turn aside | 15. go backward   | 25. downcast       |
| 6. go against | 16. pour in       | 26. withholding    |
| 7. stretched  | 17. endless       | 27. bears outward  |
| 8. tightening | 18. faithfulness  | 28. outpouring     |
| 9. breathing  | 19. sayings       | 29. made up        |
| 10. breaking  | 20. came together | 30. close together |