

**GUESSING AT THE MEANINGS OF WORDS
FROM A RECOGNITION OF THEIR PARTS**

the word	roots and stems	the meaning
1. CIRCUMLOCUTION	Circum--around, about locu--talk	a roundabout, lengthy or indirect way of saying something
2. PRECURSOR	pre--before currere--to run	
3. EUTHANASIA	eu--good thanatos--death	
4. OCTOGENARIAN	octo--eight (octogeni-80) gen--birth, to become	
5. PHILOPROGENITIVE	philo--love of; pro--for gen--birth	
6. ANTHROPOMORPHIC	anthro (pos)--man morphe--form, shape	
7. ABECEDARIAN	abecedarius--A, B, C,	
8. AMORPHOUS	a--not, without morphe--shape, form	
9. INNOCUOUS	in--not, nocuus--harmful	
10. PEDAGOGUE	ped, pais--child gog(ue)--to lead	
11. MISCEGENATION	miscere--to mix genus--race	
12. CORNUCOPIA	corn--horn capiae--full, plentiful	
13. LATITUDINARIAN	latus--wide arian--one who	
14. PANDEMIC	pan--all demos--the people	
15. PATRONYMIC	pater--father noma, nyma--name	
16. IMMURE	im, in--in murus--wall	
17. ANACHRONISM	ana--against chronos--time	
18. EBULLIENT	e, ex--out bullire--to boil	
19. HETERODOXY	hetero--other, different dox--opinion, belief	

20. ORTHOPEDIC	ortho--straight, right regular paedia--children (ped, feet)	
21. EXCULPATE	ex--out; onus--load, blame	
22. EXONERATE	ex--out; cupla--fault, burden	
23. INCONTROVERTIBLE	in--not; contra--against vert--turn	
24. MISANTHROPY	misein--to hate (mis) anthropos--man	
25. MISOGAMY	misein--to hate gam--marriage	
26. CONSANGUINITY	con--with sanguine--blood	
27. CONNUBIAL	con, com--with nubere--to marry	
28. SUBLUNARY	sub--under luna--moon	
29. MILLENNIUM	mille—thousand	
30. EGREGIOUS	E, ex--out; grex, gregis--herd, crowd	
31. EXCRUCIATING	e, ex--out; crucis--cross cruciate--to torture, crucify	
32. CARNIVOROUS	carne--meat, flesh vovare--to devour, eat	
33. METAMORPHOSIS	meta--over, after morph--form, shape	
34. CONFLUENCE	con, com--together, with fluere--to flow	
35. LEGERDEMAIN	leger--light; de--of, from main--hand	
36. AMNESIA	a--not, without mnasthia--memory	
37. PARAPLEGIA	para--alongside, by, beside plessein--to strike	

ANSWERS:

1. circumlocution - a roundabout, lengthy or indirect way of saying something
2. precursor - a forerunner, one that precedes
3. euthanasia - mercy killing, painless death
4. octogenarian - a person between 80 and 90 years old
5. philoprogenitive - producing many offspring; pro-life
6. anthropomorphic - giving gods, animals, objects a human shape
7. abecedarian - one who learns the alphabet; a beginner
8. amorphous - shapeless
9. innocuous - harmless
10. pedagogue - teacher
11. miscegenation - marriage or interbreeding between races
12. cornucopia - horn of plenty; abundance
13. latitudinarian - broadness, tolerance especially in religion
14. pandemic - all of the people; prevalent over a broad area, country
15. patronymic - derived from father's or ancestor's name
16. immure - shut up within walls; confine; seclude or isolate
17. anachronism - representing something existing or occurring other than its proper time
18. ebullient - bubbling; overflowing enthusiasm
19. heterodoxy - not in agreement, with accepted beliefs, unorthodox opinions
20. orthopedic - a) related to treatment of disorders of joints, bones, muscles
b) training of children
21. exculpate - to free from blame
22. exonerate - to free from a burden, free from a charge of guilt
23. incontrovertible - not disputable, undeniable
24. misanthropy - hatred or distrust of people
25. misogamy - hatred of marriage
26. consanguinity - blood relationships, close relationship
27. connubial - married
28. sublunary - under the moon, earthly, mundane
29. millennium - one thousand years
30. egregious - outstanding for bad/ undesirable reasons or qualities
31. excruciating - agonizing physical or mental pain
32. carnivorous - meat eating
33. metamorphosis - change shape, form, substance
34. confluence - flowing together
35. legerdemain - sleight of hand, trickery
36. amnesia - loss of memory
37. paraplegia - paralysis of lower half of body