Prefixes Study Guide

State Reading Preparation for Juniors

1. Omni-

If laughter is omnipresent where is it found?

Giraffes are herbivorous, eating only plants; cats are carnivorous, eating only meat. If monkeys are omnivorous, what do you think they eat?

Science is from a root meaning “to know.” What kind of narrator is an omniscient narrator?

1. Re-

For each sentence that follows, use the context plus your understanding of re- to determine the meaning of the word underlined. Write the meaning on the lines after the sentence.

The government began an environmental cleanup to reclaim the land.

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1. Ex-

**Exhale,extract,export,extrovert,exoskeleton,extricate**

Using the word bank above fill in the blanks. Spelling counts, so be careful!

If you ship a product out of the country, you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

An \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is outgoing person.

When you breathe out, you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

An insect’s outer shell is called an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

When you pull out a tooth, you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

If you get out of trouble, you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yourself from a tricky situation.

1. Multi-

If a person who speaks two languages is bilingual, then a person who speaks many languages must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wool is wool that combines many colors.

A one-dimensional character has only one personality trait, but a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ character has quite a few personality traits.

1. Mal-

Fill in the blank:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is often described as malodorous.

A malnourished child most likely eats \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ meals.

A malcontent probably \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his or job.

A man with a malady has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A woman might be call a malefactor if she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Ob-

Each word that follows contains the prefix ob-. Given the meaning of the other word part, match the words with their definitions.

\_\_\_ obliterate= ob + littera “letter A. to get possession of

\_\_\_ oblong = ob = longus “long” B. showing a great willingness to serve or obey

\_\_\_ obnoxious = ob = noxa “harm” C. offensive

\_\_\_ obsequious = ob = sequi “to follow” D. to blot out or leave no trace

\_\_\_ obtain = ob= tenere “to hold” E. longer in one direction than in the other

1. Mono-

Use the clues given and what you know about the prefix mono- to figure out these word puzzles: Correct spelling, please.

Knowing two languages = bilingual;

Knowing one language = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Paralysis of one side of the body = hemiplegia;

Paralysis of a single limb \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A word with four or more syllables = polysyllable

A word with one syllable = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Having three of one type of chromosome = trisomic

Having a single chromosome = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Fore-

Write the letter of the best definition of each of the following words having the prefix fore-

\_\_\_ foreleg A. action taken before a loan is lost

\_\_\_ forenoon B. part of a book that comes before the main section

\_\_\_ forecast C. front leg of any animal having four or more legs

\_\_\_ forewarn D. prediction made before a weather system arrives

\_\_\_ foreword E. another word for the morning, the part of the day before 12 o’clock P.M.

\_\_\_ foreclosure F. give notice before a bad event occurs

1. Di-

Fill in the blank with a word or phrase that completes the sentence and reveals the meaning of the word with the prefix di-.

When the botanist dissected the flower, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

When an elected official is divested of his or her office, it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If a company produces a diverse line of products, each product is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If I divert a child’s attention from something, she will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The protesters tried to disrupt the meeting, causing it to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Dys-

The prefix dys- is often used in medical terminology. Using the information following each word and what you know about the prefix dys- write the letter of the definition on the line next to the word it defines.

\_\_\_ dyscrasia (krasis = a mixing) A. impairment of the ability to read

\_\_\_ dysgraphia (graphia = writing) B. difficulty in swallowing

\_\_\_ dyskinesia (kinesis= motion) C. impairment of the ability to write

\_\_\_ dyslexia (lexis = word) D. an abnormal imbalance in some part of the body, especially in the blood

\_\_\_ Dysphagia (phagein= to eat) E. shortness of breath

\_\_\_ dysphonia (phone= voice) F. impairment of the ability to produce speech sounds

\_\_\_ dyspnea (pnein=breathing) G. impairment of body movement

1. Auto-

Explain how the meaning of auto- is expressed in each of the following words:

Automobile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Autograph \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Autocratic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Autobiography \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Con-

Using the following word bank to fill in the appropriate word in each blank: **communicate, confident, combination**

The young Momaday felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the difficult \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of stunt moves to Pecos.

Define each of the following words :

Congregated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Concocted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Dis-

Use a dictionary, if necessary, to check the meanings of the following words, noting whether the prefix means “away” or “not” in each.

Dislocate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Disgrace \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Distill \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Disinherit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Distinguish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Disdain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. In-

Examine the following words and their meanings. Decide if the prefix suggests negativity or direction. In first blank, write N or D next to each word. On the second blank write a sentence you write using the word correctly (be sure to include context clues).

\_\_\_ Inhumane (unkind) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Ingrain (to plant inside) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Incoherent ( unable to be understood) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Pro-

More information about the origin of several words containing pro- is given below. Use the words to complete the sentences.

Project (L. jacere means “to throw”

Procrastinate (L. cras means “tomorrow”

Promote (L. movere means “to move”

1. Trans-

Match each word if the left column with its definition in the right column.

\_\_\_ transfix A. to go beyond set limits

\_\_\_ transgress B. to pierce through with a pointed weapon

\_\_\_ transmit C. to send across from one person or place to another