

Chapter One

Assessment Preparation: Word Analysis

Do you realize that you actually know more words than you think you do? There are common prefixes and suffixes that you use on a daily basis that can help you to figure out words you may have never seen before.

For example, we have all heard or seen the word *swimmer*. This word breaks down into the base word *swim*, plus the suffix *-er*. The suffixes *-er* or *-or* mean *someone or something that undergoes an action*. Therefore, the word *swimmer* means "someone or something that swims." Similarly, the word *baker* means "someone or something that bakes." Can you guess what the word *motivator* means?

Adding a prefix or a suffix can also change the part of speech or the tense of a word. For example, the word *invite* is a verb. If we add the suffix *-tion* to the word, the suffix changes the word from the verb *invite* to the word *invit(a)tion*, which is a noun. The tense of a verb changes from present tense to past tense when *-ed* is added, for example, *ignore* to *ignored*. There are many prefixes and suffixes that you use regularly that can help you figure out the vocabulary words from the novel.

Directions: Use a dictionary to help you analyze the vocabulary words from Chapter One. Be sure to note whether the word is already in its base form (no prefixes or suffixes have been added), or whether a prefix or suffix has been added. On line a., indicate the part of speech of the word, then write down the base word's definition. If there is more than one definition, write down the first two. On line b., write the definition of the vocabulary word. On line c., once you have analyzed the word, find the sentence in which the word is used in your text and write it. Finally on line d., using what you have learned about the word, write an original sentence in which you correctly use the vocabulary word. An example has been done for you.

Ex. morosely base: morose prefix: none suffix: -ly

- Part of Speech (POS), definition of base: adj.; having a withdrawn or gloomy personality
- POS, definition of vocabulary word: adv.; in a withdrawn or gloomy manner
- Sentence from text: George stared morosely at the water.
- Original sentence: The children walked morosely to school on the first day back from summer vacation.

1. junctures base: _____ prefix: _____ suffix: _____

- POS, definition of base: _____

- POS, definition of vocabulary word: _____

Name _____ Period _____

c. Sentence from text: _____

d. Original sentence: _____

2. **debris** base: _____ prefix: _____ suffix: _____

a. POS, definition of base: _____

b. POS, definition of vocabulary word: _____

c. Sentence from text: _____

d. Original sentence: _____

3. **mottled** base: _____ prefix: _____ suffix: _____

a. POS, definition of base: _____

b. POS, definition of vocabulary word: _____

c. Sentence from text: _____

d. Original sentence: _____

4. **recumbent** base: _____ prefix: _____ suffix: _____

a. POS, definition of base: _____

b. POS, definition of vocabulary word: _____

Name _____

Period _____

c. Sentence from text: _____

d. Original sentence: _____

5. **lumbered** base: _____ prefix: _____ suffix: _____

a. POS, definition of base: _____

b. POS, definition of vocabulary word: _____

c. Sentence from text: _____

d. Original sentence: _____

6. **brusquely** base: _____ prefix: _____ suffix: _____

a. POS, definition of base: _____

b. POS, definition of vocabulary word: _____

c. Sentence from text: _____

d. Original sentence: _____

7. **pantomime** base: _____ prefix: _____ suffix: _____

a. POS, definition of base: _____

b. POS, definition of vocabulary word: _____

Name _____ Period _____

c. Sentence from text: _____

d. Original sentence: _____

8. **contemplated** base: _____ prefix: _____ suffix: _____

a. POS, definition of base: _____

b. POS, definition of vocabulary word: _____

c. Sentence from text: _____

d. Original sentence: _____

9. **imperiously** base: _____ prefix: _____ suffix: _____

a. POS, definition of base: _____

b. POS, definition of vocabulary word: _____

c. Sentence from text: _____

d. Original sentence: _____

10. **anguished** base: _____ prefix: _____ suffix: _____

a. POS, definition of base: _____

b. POS, definition of vocabulary word: _____

Name _____

Period _____

c. Sentence from text: _____

d. Original sentence: _____

11. **yammered** base: _____ prefix: _____ suffix: _____

a. POS, definition of base: _____

b. POS, definition of vocabulary word: _____

c. Sentence from text: _____

d. Original sentence: _____

