

Vocabulary Building

1-10

Instructions: Review each prefix, suffix, or stem. Study the sample words, their meanings, and the examples to help you complete the activities in this lesson.

1.



a – not

apathy – not caring about something; lack of interest.

*When George gets in trouble at school, he shows signs of **apathy**.*

amorphous – having no fixed shape or form.

*The baker creates gorgeous cakes from **amorphous** lumps of dough.*

2.



a – plural

bacteria – the plural of bacterium.

***Bacteria** create infection, which causes many illnesses.*

data – information in the form of numbers or words, collected and analyzed in research.

*Researchers determine the effectiveness of new drugs by collecting patient **data** over a period of time.*

3.



ab – away

abnormal – differing from normal or average; noticeably irregular.

*The child's **abnormal** behavior is due to a disorder in his brain.*

abrupt – sudden, unplanned.

*People can make **abrupt** changes in their diets to battle some illnesses.*

4.



aci – sour, sharp

acidic – sour, bitter, or stinging to the taste.

*Lemons have an **acidic** taste compared to peaches.*

acidulous – sharp-tasting or sour.

*I do not like the candy; it is very **acidulous** and makes my lips pucker!*

5.



acr – sharp, bitter

acid – bitter tasting or smelling.

*When the fireworks celebration is over, thick, **acid** smoke will cover the sky.*

acrimony – bitter, sharp, stinging speech and behavior.

*During presidential debates, the candidates' speeches are full of **acrimony** toward each other.*

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acro – height

acrobat – a circus performer who is very good at swinging, jumping, and balancing at great heights.

*The **acrobat** performs great feats on a trapeze high above the crowd.*

acrobatic – able to perform gymnastic feats.

*His **acrobatic** talents on the balance beam amaze everyone at the Olympics.*

7.



act – do, drive

actor – a person who performs in a play or movie.

*Some people consider him a fine **actor** on and off the stage.*

action – doing something at one's will.

*Now that everyone has a job to do, it is time for **action**.*

8.



acu – sharp

acupuncture – a Chinese medicine involving the pricking of the skin with needles.

*Many people believe that **acupuncture** can cure almost any illness or pain.*

acuity – sharpness or keenness of thought.

*Clint's **acuity** in teaching historical facts of the ages is impressive.*

9.



ad – to

adhesive – a substance that makes things stick together.

*The only **adhesive** Megan can find to wrap the present is wood glue!*

addition – an increase in number.

*The family will grow by two with the **addition** of the twin girls.*

10.



aden – gland

adenoid – resembling glands or the tissue of glands.

*Swelling of the **adenoids** can cause severe snoring and difficulty breathing.*

adenine – bases which make up the genetic codes for DNA and RNA.

***Adenine** is one of the most important organic molecules in our DNA.*

Analyzing Word Meaning

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Instructions: In the columns below, write the meaning of each prefix, suffix, or stem (in bold and underlined). Then, write the meaning of each word.

Vocabulary Word	Prefix/Suffix/Stem Meaning	Meaning of the Vocabulary Word
1. <u>acidic</u>	sour, sharp	sour, bitter, or stinging to the taste
2. <u>adhesive</u>		
3. <u>bacteria</u>		
4. <u>abrupt</u>		
5. <u>acrobat</u>		
6. <u>action</u>		
7. <u>acupuncture</u>		
8. <u>apathy</u>		
9. <u>abnormal</u>		
10. <u>data</u>		

Vocabulary in Context

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Instructions: For each sentence, circle the correct meaning for the prefix, suffix, or stem word (in bold and underlined). Use the context clues within the sentence to help you.

- With each **addition** to the school building, more and more students will enroll for classes.
 - an increase
 - a sum
 - more students
- After the flood, residents began to take **action** by restoring their damaged homes.
 - ready to film actors
 - doing something at one's will
 - buy hammers and nails
- Over the past three years, **data** reflects that people bought more mint-flavored toothpaste than any other flavor on the market.
 - information for the grocer
 - information collected in research
 - customer comments
- The tour guide has to make an **abrupt** change to our schedule because of the weather.
 - sudden
 - more expensive
 - later time and date
- Mel's visual **acuity** allows her to see things far away that we can't see at all.
 - sharpness; keenness
 - glasses
 - nearsightedness
- Each member of the family is an **acrobat** and can perform breathtaking tricks on the trapeze.
 - having no fixed shape
 - a person who performs in a play or movie
 - a circus performer

Instructions: For each sentence, fill in the blank with the correct word from the box below. Use the context clues within the sentence to help you.

acidic actor addition acupuncture abrupt adhesive

- If you are afraid of needles, then having _____ to ease your pain is not for you.
- The candy is so _____, it makes my eyes water.
- Because of the sudden change in the weather, there will be an _____ change of schedule for the outdoor tennis matches.
- Doctors now use a type of liquid _____ to repair tears or cuts in the skin.
- The _____ will receive an Academy Award for his performance in *The Lord of the Rings*.
- Seven members of Congress will attend the convention in _____ to the nine members of the president's staff.