

Word Power Pretest

Read each statement below carefully. Please answer honestly about what prior knowledge and skill you already possess, so you can determine whether studying this unit is a good fit for you. *Please note: gifted students are not necessarily expected to know these answers. The pretest should be hard!*

Rate statements 1-4 using the scale below. If you have never practiced a knowledge or skill before, rate it with a 1. If you answer 80 percent or more of the questions with a 3, 4, or a correct answer, you may not need this unit. (Answers to fill-in-the-blank questions are available in any dictionary and in this unit.)

1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Agree, 4=Strongly Agree.

1. I am a good reader who can recognize Greek and Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes in order to define vocabulary in context.
2. I am a good writer who constantly researches, defines, and integrates new and advanced vocabulary into word lists.
3. I write effective sentences (sentences that illustrate the word's definition with precise usage and specific examples).
4. I use the dictionary often and know some etymologies.
5. I can define the following Greek prefixes (fill in the blanks):
 - a. *auto-* _____
 - b. *deca-* _____
 - c. *exo-* _____
 - d. *hyper-* _____
 - e. *meta-* _____
 - f. *para-* _____
 - g. *syn-* _____
6. I can define the following Greek roots:
 - a. *aesthe-* _____
 - b. *-agog(ue)* _____
 - c. *anthrop-* _____
 - d. *bibli-* _____

- e. *chron-* _____
- f. *dich-* _____
- g. *icon-* _____
- h. *macr* _____
- i. *mis-* _____.

7. I can define the following Greek suffixes:

- a. *-archy* _____
- b. *-ectomy* _____
- c. *-hedron* _____
- d. *-graph* _____
- e. *-ician-* _____.

8. I can define the following Latin prefixes:

- a. *ambi-* _____
- b. *ante-* _____
- c. *im-* _____
- d. *in-* _____
- e. *inter-* _____
- f. *post-* _____.

9. I can define the following Latin roots:

- a. *cog-* _____
- b. *cred-* _____
- c. *ego-* _____
- d. *gen-* _____
- e. *hab-* _____
- f. *loc-* _____
- g. *optim-* _____.

10. I can define the following Latin suffixes:

- a. *-acy* _____
- b. *-ate* _____
- c. *-ion* _____
- d. *-ory* _____
- e. *-ure* _____.