Word Within the Word

Stems List 7

***Do you know these words?***

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| **Stem** | **Stem Definition** | **Examples** |
| numer | number | numeral, numerous, numerology |
| fort | strong | fortitude, forte, fortissimo |
| osteo | bone | osteopath, osteoblast, osteocyte |
| ornith | bird | ornithology, ornithologist |
| polis | city | metropolis, police, acropolis |
| fus | pour | transfusion, infusion, refuse |
| ego | I | egomaniac, egocentric, alter ego |
| spir | breathe | inspire, respiration, expire |
| dia | across | diagonal, diameter, dialogue |
| acr | sharp | acerbity, acrid, acridine |
| acro | high, point, or tip | acrobat, acronym, acropolis |
| culp | blame | culprit, culpable, exculpate |
| derm | skin | epidermis, dermatologist |
| zo | animal | zoo, protozoa, zooplankton |
| per | through | perception, percolate |
| pac | peace | pacify, pacifist, pacifier |
| brev | short | brevity, abbreviation, brevet |
| necro | death | necropolis, necromancer |
| urb | city | urban, urbane, suburbs |
| pugn | fight | pugnacious, repugnant, impugn |
| ecto | outer | ectoderm, ectozoa, ectomorph |
| plasto | molded | plastic, dermoplasty, plaster |
| agog | leader | demagogue, pedagogue |
| cle | small | molecule, corpuscle, follicle |
| il | not | illegal, illiterate, illogical |

**List 7: Context Clues.** Directions: Identify the correct vocabulary word in the sentence below. Place your answer on the line.

**enumerated fortify osteopath ornithology metropolis infused dialect acerate acrobat culprit endoderm aspire egomaniac**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1. Shelly dumped her boyfriend because he was an \_\_\_\_ and all he thought about was himself.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2. Growing kids should \_\_\_ their diet with a lot of calcium for strong bones and muscles.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3. Even though we all speak English, people from the north and south have different \_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4. In her \_\_\_\_ class, Bridgett learned about why Bluebirds and Cardinals don’t live in the same tree.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5. By calling roll the teacher \_\_\_ each of our names in alphabetical order.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_6. The \_\_\_\_ pencil poked right through my paper when I tried to write with it.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_7. After I broke my arm, the ER sent me to an \_\_\_ to make sure it was set to heal right.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_8. The \_\_\_ in the bullying case was exposed by a secret witness and punished by the principal.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_9. Charlotte is a booming \_\_\_\_ for businesses that deal with finance.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10. I couldn’t believe how high the \_\_\_ at the circus jumped in the air.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_11. If you are cut all the way into your \_\_\_ there is sure to be a lot of blood involved.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_12. The new coach \_\_\_ the team with enthusiasm for the sport.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_13. Many middle school students already \_\_\_ to go to college after high school.