

Survival of the Fittest {Vocabulary!}

Below are common 52 Greek or Latin root and affixes {aka prefixes or suffixes} from Scholastic and The International Reading Association. Here is your job:

- **Step 1** → As we review 1-2 roots or affixes each week in class, please write down example words and sentences {WITH context clues!} in your Reader's Notebook.
- **Step 2** → When we "vote off" 2-3 vocabulary words a month on our Survivor Chart in class, please cross them off your list.
- **Step 3** → The final 25 words are roots and affixes in which you will be tested.

Here are some rules of the game:

- **Rule 1** → You MUST create a study guide of the final 25 words using the Vocabulary Menu (attached). A due date will be given to you later in the year.
- **Rule 2** → You MUST NOT lose this {aka put it in a safe place!}!! There will be copies on my website just in case.
- **Rule 3** → You can "vote off" words based on the following reasons...
 - In every day conversation or reading, you do not see the root or affix used frequently.
 - The root or affix is too complex for you to remember, and you feel it may be better suited for 7th or 8th graders and beyond.
 - The root or affix is too simple for a 6th grader {maybe you already knew it before seeing this list}, and thus, should be learned at in 4th or 5th grade.
 - The definition/meaning of the root or affix does not correspond with the example words {further explain}
 - Another reason, but you must defend your reasoning and your peers must agree with you {aka simply saying, "I just don't like this word" may not be a strong enough reason!}

Flip over to Meet the "Players!"

Here are the "Players" of Survivor!

PREFIX	Meaning
1. Anti-	Against
2. De-	Opposite
3. Dis-	Not, opposite of
4. En-, Em-	Cause to
5. Fore-	Before
6. In-, Im-	In
7. In-, Im-, Il-, Ir-	Not
8. Inter-	Between
9. Mid-	Middle
10. Mis-	Wrongly
11. Non-	Not
12. Pre-	Before
13. Re-	Again
14. Semi-	Half
15. Sub-	Under
16. Super-	Above
17. Trans-	Across
18. Un-	Not

ROOT	Meaning
19. Astro	Stars, heaven, space
20. Aud	Hear
21. Auto	Self
22. Bene	Good, well
23. Chron	Time
24. Fac	Make, do
25. Form	To shape
26. Gon	Math
27. Grad/Gress	To step
28. Ject	To throw
29. Junct	To join
30. Loc	Place
31. Man/Manu	Hand
32. Meter	Measure
33. Phon	Sound
34. Port	To carry
35. Scrib/Script	To write
36. Spect	To look/see
37. Vac	To be empty

SUFFIX	Meaning
38. -Able, -ible	Can be done
39. -Ed	Past-tense verbs
40. -En	Made of
41. -Er	One who
42. -Est	Comparative
43. -Ful	Full of
44. -ic	Having characteristics of
45. -Ing	Verb for/present participle
46. -ion, -tion, -ation, -ition	Act, process
47. -Less	Without
48. -ment	Action or process
49. -ness	State of, condition of
50. -ous, -eous, -ious	Possessing the qualities of
51. -s, -es	More than one
52. -y	Characterized by

