

Witty Wordsmith: Week 13 Word List

Type	Root	Meanings	Lang	Sample Words and Definitions
Base	alt	high (altitude)	Latin	altitude; altimeter; altar; exalt
Base	cad, cas, cid	fall (cascade)	Latin	cadence; cadaver; coincidence
Base	cert, cern, cret	separate, decide (discern)	Latin	ascertain; certify; discern; discretion
Base	crypt	hidden, secret (cryptic)	Greek	cryptic; encrypt; cryptography
Base	dur	hard, lasting (durable)	Latin	durable; duration; endure
Base	fall, fals, fail, faul	to deceive (falsify)	Latin	falsify; default; fallacious
Base	fort, forc	strong, brave (force)	Latin	fortress; force; fortify
Base	naut	sailor (nautical)	Greek	astronaut; naumachy; nautical
Base	nav	ship (navy)	Latin	circumnavigate; navy; navigator
Base	oxy	sharp; acidic (oxygen)	Greek	oxymoron; oxygen; paroxysm
Base	paleo, palaeo	old, ancient (Paleolithic)	Greek	paleontology; paleography; Paleolithic
Base	pend, pens	hang, weigh, pay (suspend)	Latin	pendulum; suspend; compensate
Base	plan, plain	flat, smooth (plane)	Greek	plane; planet; explain
Base	pose, posit	place, put (position)	Latin	deposit; expose; position; depose
Base	prim, prin	first (primary)	Latin	primer; primacy; primitive; principal
Base	priv	separate, individual (private)	Latin	private; privilege; deprive
Base	prot	first, original (proton)	Greek	prototype; proton; protocol
Base	tang, tact, ting	touch (contact)	Latin	contact; tactile; tangible; contingent
Base	the, thes, them	to place, put (theme)	Greek	hypothesis; prosthetic; theme
Base	xen	foreign (xenomorph)	Greek	xenophobic; xenophile

