



Vocabulary

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Context Clues

“The woman’s mind wandered as her two friends **prated** on. It really did not bother though. In all the years she had known them, they had always **babbled** about their lives.”

“The wind **abated** in the late afternoon. Things were different yesterday when the wind had **picked up** toward the end of the day.”

Root Words

- " Bio
- Circu
- Frac
- Geo
- Mal
- Matr, Mater
- Neo
- Patr, Pater
- Spec
- Tele
- Life
- Around
- Break
- Earth
- Bad
- Mother
- New
- Father
- Look
- Distance
- Biography, biology
- Circumference, circulate
- Fracture, refract
- Geology, geography
- Malicious, malcontent
- Maternal, matron
- Neonate, neoclassic
- Paternal, patron
- Spectacles, specimen
- Telephone television"

Prefixes

- "A-
- Il-, im-, ir-
- Un-
- Non-
- Ant-, anti-
- De-
- Mis-
- Ante-
- Fore-
- Post-
- Re-
- Super-
- Sub-
- Not
- Not
- Not
- Not
- Against
- Opposite
- Wrong
- Before
- Before
- After
- Again
- Above
- Below
- Amoral, apolitical
- Illegitimate, immoral, irreversible
- Unbearable, unknown
- Nonbeliever, nonsense
- Antiwar, antidote
- Defoliate, declaw
- Misstep, misdeed
- Antebellum, antecedent
- Foretell, forecast
- Posterior, postoperative
- Refurbish, redo
- Superior, superstar
- Submarine, subpar"

Transitions

- **Similarity:** also, in the same way, likewise, similarly
- **Contrast:** however, in spite of, nevertheless, in contrast
- **Sequence:** first, second, third, next, then, finally
- **Time:** after, at last, before, currently, during, earlier, immediately, later, meanwhile, now, recently, then
- **Example:** for instance, specifically, to illustrate, such as
- **Emphasis:** indeed, in fact, of course, truly, more/most importantly
- **Position:** above, adjacent, below, beyond, here, in front, in back, nearby
- **Cause/Effect:** accordingly, consequently, therefore
- **Additional Support:** also, as well, equally important, further, in addition
- **Conclusion:** finally, in conclusion, to summarize, in summary

Vocabulary Practice

- <http://www.merriam-webster.com/quiz/index.htm>
- <http://www.freerice.com>