

The root clues did not give you complete definitions as the following dictionary listings will. But they got you started by giving you *part* of the meaning. Sometimes that *part* helps you to figure out the word.

PART (from the Latin word *partis* meaning "separate part, piece")

Familiar Words
with Root PART

apart
part
parted
parting
partly
parts

Challenge Words
with Root PART

department
impartial
partiality
participate
partnership

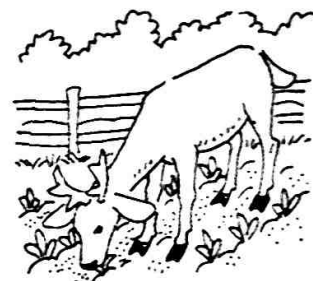
1. **partial** (pär' shəl)

adj. 1. Fond of someone or something.

Our family is partial to vacations that take us to the outdoors, like camping and hiking.

2. In part, incomplete, not whole.

Our vegetable garden was only a partial success this summer because deer ate some of the plants.



2. **particle** (pär' ti kəl)

n. A small piece of something, a tiny bit, a speck.

The particles of sand and soil in a dust storm can be carried thousands of miles.

3. **particular** (pär tik' yə lər)

adj. Special, set apart from others in a group.

Michelle liked all the dogs, but that particular puppy was the one she wanted.



4. **partition** (pär tish' ən)

v. To divide into parts.

North American settlers partitioned the land where buffalo once grazed.

n. Something that divides one part of a room, drawer, or area from another.

The tall bookcase served as a partition, separating the dining room from the living room.

5. partner (pärt' nər)

n. One who takes part in an activity with another person.

When Peter plays doubles in tennis, he usually chooses Lara to be his partner.



STUDI (from the Latin word *studere* meaning "to study")

**Familiar Words
with Root STUDI**

studied
studies
studious
study
studying

6. studio (stü' dē ō)

n. 1. A place where recordings, radio broadcasts, TV programs, and movies are made.

The announcer at the television studio showed replays of parts of the game.

2. A room where an artist, musician, dancer, or photographer works or teaches.

We went to the photographer's studio to get a family portrait.



**Challenge Words
with Root STUDI**

restudy
studiously

7. studiousness (stü' dē əs nes)

n. Attentiveness to learning, concentration on learning.

My older sister made good grades in every subject because of her studiousness.

8. understudy (ən' dər stə dē)

n. An actor who learns the lines of another actor, especially the star, in order to be ready to substitute if needed.

When the leading lady in the play got sick, her understudy performed well in her place.

NOTA BENE

The word *understudy* starts with the prefix *under-*. Under is both a word and a prefix. When used as a prefix, it can mean "below" as in *underline*, or "lower in level" as in *undergraduate*.

SERV (from the Latin word *servire* meaning “to serve, to help”)

Familiar Words
with Root *SERV*

servant
servants
serve
served
serves
serving

Challenge Words
with Root *SERV*

disservice
servile
servitude
undeserved

1. **deserve** (di zərv')

v. To be worthy of.

Since Amelia had not missed a single chorus practice, she deserved an award for perfect attendance.

2. **server** (sər'vər)

n. 1. A restaurant worker that serves food.

We asked our server to bring us another basket of bread as we read the menu.

2. The player who serves the ball, as in tennis and volleyball.

Milena is the strongest server of all the girls on the team.

3. A computer that handles the connections for a network of computers.

When the server is down, neither our classroom computer nor the library computer works.



3. **service** (sər'vəs)

n. Work done for others, helpful acts.

The firefighters perform a valuable service for everyone living in this city.



4. **serviceable** (sər'və sə bəl)

adj. Useful, helpful, able to be used for a long time.

Victor's hiking boots were still serviceable but too small.



VARI (from the Latin word *varius* meaning "to be different")

Familiar Words
with Root VARI

varied
varies
vary
varying

Challenge Words
with Root VARI

invariably
variant
varicolored

5. **variable** (ver' ē ə bəl)

adj. Likely to change or be different.

The tides are variable during the year because of the position of the sun and the moon.

6. **variation** (ver ē ā' shən)

n. The result of varying, a change from the normal.

Our class made a chart showing the variation in our town's population over the past twenty years.

7. **variety** (və rī' ə tē)

n. A collection of different things, an assortment.

Dad and I looked at a variety of small flowering plants before selecting one for the kitchen window.

8. **various** (ver' ē əs)

adj. Of several different types, not alike.

The dentist asked his assistant for various tools as he completed the work on my filling.



EAS (from the Latin word *adiacens* meaning "lying nearby," via the French word *aise* meaning "comfort")

*Familiar Words
with Root EAS*

disease
easily
easy

*Challenge Words
with Root EAS*

easement
easygoing
uneasily
uneasiness

1. **ease** (ēz)

n. Comfort, not having to try hard.

After Brooke practiced the dance step for a week, she could do it with ease.

v. To reduce the strain.

When Hector eased up on the rope, he lost the tug-of-war.

2. **easiest** (ē' zē est)

adj. Not difficult at all, most simple.

Because we studied so hard for the last test, it seemed like the easiest one of the year.

3. **uneasy** (ən ē' zē)

adj. Uncomfortable, not relaxed, worried.

Lucas was uneasy about giving a speech to the class because he had not practiced at home.



FIN (from the Latin word *finis* meaning "end")

*Familiar Words
with Root FIN*

final
finish
finished
finishes
finishing

4. **finale** (fi nā' lē)

n. The last part, as of a program or a piece of music.

After the band members performed several popular tunes, they played the school song as their finale.

Challenge Words
with Root FIN

- confine
- infinite
- infinity
- refinery
- semifinal

5. **finalist** (fī' nə list)

n. A person who is in the last round of a contest.

We all attended the state spelling bee to cheer for Megan, our school's finalist.



6. **finally** (fī' nə lē or fīn' lē)

adv. At last, at the end.

After two days of blizzard conditions, the snow finally stopped and a plow made its way down our road.



7. **finite** (fī' nīt)

adj. Having an end, limited.

Cesar had a finite number of prizes to hand out and was afraid they wouldn't last.

8. **unfinished** (ən fī' nɪʃt)

adj. 1. Incomplete, not finished.

When the time ran out, Jeff had to turn in an unfinished test.

2. Not having any final coating.

Caroline decided to paint the unfinished wood of the picnic table.



NOTA BENE

The words *uneasy* and *unfinished* start with the prefix *un-*, which means “not.” *Un-* is the most frequently used prefix in our language.