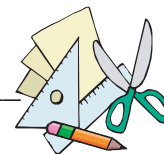


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# Learning Career Vocabulary

Etymology is a fun way to learn vocabulary. It is easy to do since you are merely memorizing roots and putting them together. Many people in the business world use this method, so that they may quickly pick up a vocabulary that is adequate for the position they hold. All of the positions held by the people listed below require very good vocabularies. See if you can figure out what these people do for a living.

Example:

Pediatrician

Ped +

iatreia +

ician

Child +

medical healer +

specialist =

A doctor who specializes  
in the medical problems  
of children

1. Pedodontist

Ped +

odontia +

ist

\_\_\_\_\_ +

teeth +

one who = \_\_\_\_\_

2. Periodontist

Peri +

odontia +

ist

\_\_\_\_\_ +

\_\_\_\_\_ +

\_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

(Hint: what does "peri" mean in the word perimeter?)

3. Geriatrician

Geras +

iatria +

ician

old person +

\_\_\_\_\_ +

\_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

4. Gerontologist

Geron +

logos +

ist

\_\_\_\_\_ +

study of +

\_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

(To figure this one out, think of the types of problems older people have other than those in number three.)

5. Entomologist

|           |         |               |
|-----------|---------|---------------|
| Entom +   | logos + | ist           |
| insects + | _____ + | _____ = _____ |

6. Etymologist

|                    |         |               |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| Etymon +           | logos + | ist           |
| original meaning + | _____ + | _____ = _____ |

7. Psychologist

|                      |         |               |
|----------------------|---------|---------------|
| Psyche +             | logos + | ist           |
| mind, spirit, soul + | _____ + | _____ = _____ |

8. Psychiatrist

|          |           |               |
|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Psyche + | iatreia + | ist           |
| _____ +  | _____ +   | _____ = _____ |

What is the difference between the careers in 7 and 8? "iatreia" gives you the clue.

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9. Exodontist

|         |           |               |
|---------|-----------|---------------|
| Ex +    | odontia + | ist           |
| _____ + | _____ +   | _____ = _____ |

The ordinary little root "ex" is the key. What does it mean in exit?

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10. Podiatrist

|         |          |               |
|---------|----------|---------------|
| Pod +   | iatria + | ist           |
| _____ + | _____ +  | _____ = _____ |

11. Zoologist

Zoo +                      logos +                      ist  
----- +                      ----- +                      ----- = -----

12. Botanist

Botan +                      ist  
Plants +                      ----- = -----

13. Biologist

Bios +                      logos +                      ist  
----- +                      ----- +                      ----- = -----

(Biology is a field that includes both botany and zoology. Think about what a biographer does to find what "bios" means.)

14. Demographer

Demos +                      graph +                      er  
----- +                      ----- +                      ----- = -----

(In a democracy we have government by the \_\_\_\_\_).

15. Ichthyologist

Ichthyo +                      logos +                      ist  
Fish +                      ----- +                      ----- = -----

Choose five of the roots listed in the words above and using an unabridged dictionary, find two more words using that root. In your own words, write a short definition for each of the two words you have found.

ex: root      word one      word two

\_\_\_\_\_

Use latin roots or original ones to create your own unique occupations. What occupations or work related words have evolved or taken on different meanings because of advances in technology, societal changes, etc. (ex: web designer, fax machine, synergizing, etc)