**VOCABULARY 2 AFFIXES**

**AFFIX**: manu

**MEANING**: hand

**EXAMPLE**: manuscript

**EXPLANATION**: The writer sent his manuscript to his editor.

The writer wrote the manuscript, so, if he typed or used a pen, he had to use his hands. Giving us the literal definition of hand writing.

**AFFIX**: fid

**MEANING**: faith

**EXAMPLE**: fidelity

**EXPLANATION**: First Fidelity Bank is where I keep all my money.

If you put your money somewhere, you have to trust them, you know, have faith in them. So it makes sense that a bank would use the word fidelity to show faith.

**AFFIX**: chron

**MEANING**: time

**EXAMPLE**: chronological

**EXPLANATION**: Most works of fiction are in chronological order, except for the flashbacks.

Events always move in the same direction. They have a beginning, middle and end. These events are in chronological order, or, time order.

**AFFIX**: dent/dont

**MEANING**: teeth

**EXAMPLE**: periodontal

**EXPLANATION**: I found out that I had a periodontal disease.

This one is pretty easy. I could have written that I went to the dentist and found out I had periodontal disease. A doctor of teeth would obviously be able to determine if you had a disease of the teeth.

**AFFIX**: dem

**MEANING**: people

**EXAMPLE**: democracy

**EXPLANATION**: The United States is a democracy.

The U.S. allows the people to vote for its leaders, thus making the United States a county of the people. Or, a really simple way to remember this, “look at dem people.”

**AFFIX**: rupt

**MEANING**: break

**EXAMPLE**: erupt

**EXPLANATION**: With all the smoke and earthquakes, I knew the volcano was going to erupt.

When a volcano erupts it send out magma. This is liquid rock that has to break the surface of the Earth to spew out.

**AFFIX**: mort

**MEANING**: death

**EXAMPLE**: mortuary

**EXPLANATION**: The body was delivered to the mortuary.

How about this, a dead body is prepared by the mortician in the mortuary. A mortuary is a place where a body is prepared to be placed in a casket or to be cremated.

**AFFIX**: flu

**MEANING**: flow

**EXAMPLE**: fluid

**EXPLANATION**: Water is a fluid.

Just think of oceans, streams, rivers, drains, etc., water is always moving or flowing. So, it’s clear that there’s a liquid involved.