**VOCABULARY 4 AFFIXES**

**AFFIX**: dict

**MEANING**: say

**EXAMPLE**: dictate

**EXPLANATION**: In the military, a sergeant will dictate orders in a very loud manner.

If you think about movies or shows you’ve seen about the military, you’ll remember dict because orders are always shouted (said).

**AFFIX**: steno

**MEANING**: short, small

**EXAMPLE**: stenography

**EXPLANATION**: A long time ago, knowing stenography could get you a good secretarial job.

Stenography is dying art. Few people know how to write it anymore. You do a type of stenography when you type a text message. You make words short.

**AFFIX**: geo

**MEANING**: earth

**EXAMPLE**: Geology

**EXPLANATION**: I enjoyed my Geology course in college because I like learning about earthquakes.

Geology is the study of mountains, rocks, soils, earthquakes, etc. All of these have one thing in common, the Earth.

**AFFIX**: biblio

**MEANING**: book

**EXAMPLE**: biblioteca (Spanish)

**EXPLANATION**: To do research, you may visit the biblioteca.

Biblioteca translated in English is library. What do you find in a library? Books.

**AFFIX**: clud/clus

**MEANING**: shut

**EXAMPLE**: reculse

**EXPLANATION**: The recluse never left his cabin in the woods.

If the recluse never left his home, he was shut inside his home.

**AFFIX**: junct

**MEANING**: join

**EXAMPLE**: conjunction

**EXPLANATION**: Conjunctions can be remembered using FANBOYS, for, and, nor, but, or, yet, and so.

A conjunction connects or joins two clauses.

**AFFIX**: gyn

**MEANING**: woman

**EXAMPLE**: gynocracy

**EXPLANATION**: We have never had a gynocracy in the United States.

Just think of the United States government, have we ever had a government that only had women? No. A gynocracy would be a government run by women.

**AFFIX**: log/logue

**MEANING**: reason, idea; discourse

**EXAMPLE**: dialogue

**EXPLANATION**: There was a lot of dialogue in the story we read.

First you have to know that discourse means conversation. Conversation is also known as dialogue. Dialogue moves a story along. Dialogue is discourse/conversation.