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Answer Key: Lexical Power Trip: Master Junior-Year Word Architecture

Strengthen your verbal reasoning and SAT preparation by performing foundational recall on the Greek and Latin building blocks of academic English.

1. If an 11th-grade biology student is studying the 'biosphere', they are looking at a region of the Earth that supports what?

Answer: B) Life

The Greek root 'bio' means life, making the biosphere the zone of life on Earth.

2. The prefix 'ante-' in the word 'antebellum' indicates that something occurred after a specific event, such as a war.

Answer: B) False

The prefix 'ante-' means 'before' (as in before the war), while 'post-' would mean after.

3. When a diplomat is described as '___lateral,' and the missing prefix means 'many,' it suggests they are working with many different nations.

Answer: C) Multi

The prefix 'multi-' means many; 'multilateral' refers to actions involving three or more parties or nations.

4. In a political science context, if a system is a 'monarchy,' the root 'arch' refers to which concept?

Answer: B) Rule or government

The Greek root 'arch' or 'archy' means rule, government, or chief.

5. Which suffix converts the verb 'criticize' into a noun representing the practice or system of expressing disapproval?

Answer: A) -ism

The suffix '-ism' is used to form nouns identifying a system, practice, or doctrine (e.g., criticism).

6. In the word 'pathological,' the root 'path' relates to the study of emotions or disease.

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Answer: A) True

The root 'path' comes from the Greek 'pathos,' meaning feeling, suffering, or disease.

7. The root '___' found in the word 'credible' relates to the concept of belief or trust.

Answer: A) cred

The Latin root 'cred' means to believe or trust.

8. If a character in a novel is described as 'vocal,' which activity is most likely their strength?

Answer: C) Speaking their mind

The root 'voc' or 'vok' means voice or to call.

9. To '___scribe' a circle around a triangle in geometry involves the prefix meaning 'around.'

Answer: B) Circum

The prefix 'circum-' means 'around' (e.g., circumscribe, circumference).

10. The suffix '-ology' denotes a person who performs a specific action.

Answer: B) False

The suffix '-ology' means 'the study of.' The suffix '-ist' or '-er' usually denotes a person who performs the action.