

Creating Order

The root *civi* as in *civilize* means “relating to citizens.” The root *ord* as in *order* means “regular.” In each of the following key words, underline the root.

Key Words

civics	civilian	coordinate	ordinarily
civil	civility	extraordinary	uncivilized

Using ROOT CLUES

The roots *civi* (citizen) and *ord* (regular) give you clues about meaning. When you spot one of these roots in a word, you have a key to the word’s meaning. Use the underlined root clues to help you match the following columns:

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| 1. _____ <u>ordinarily</u> | A. more than <u>regular</u> |
| 2. _____ <u>uncivilized</u> | B. in the <u>regular</u> way |
| 3. _____ <u>extraordinary</u> | C. related to life as a <u>citizen</u> |
| 4. _____ <u>civil</u> | D. not having the organized life of a <u>citizen</u> |

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. In addition, the prefix clues were helpful—*un-* meaning “not,” and *extra-* meaning “more than.”

CIVI (from the Latin word *civis* meaning “citizen, a member of a city”)

Familiar Words
with Root CIVI

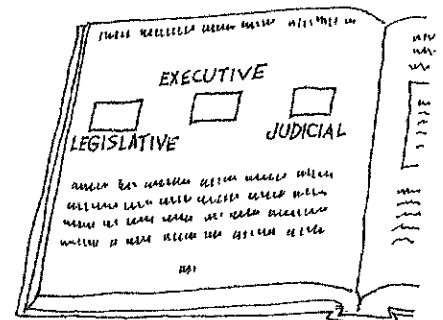
civilization

civilize

1. civics (si' viks)

n. The study of a citizen’s rights and duties in a society.

In the course on civics, Juan learned how the three branches of the United States government worked.



Challenge Words
with Root CIVI

civil disobedience
civil engineer
civil rights
civil war

2. **civil** (si' vəl)

adj. 1. Having to do with citizens and their relation to each other and to the government.

My parents always vote because they believe it is the most important civil duty.

2. Fairly courteous.

Although Jasmine was angry with her friend, she managed to give a civil answer to his question.

3. **civilian** (sə vil' yən)

n. A person who is not in the military.

Many countries agree that during war civilians should not be attacked by those who are fighting.

adj. Relating to civil life, not military.

After serving in the navy for two years, my brother returned to civilian life.

4. **civility** (sə vi' li tē)

n. Courteous behavior.

Nathan greeted his unwelcome visitors with civility, but not with affection.

5. **uncivilized** (ən si' və līzd)

adj. 1. Without an organized or developed society, wild.

The Chinese believed that the Mongols, who took over their kingdom in the thirteenth century, were uncivilized.

2. Acting without courtesy or consideration.

"Don't be so uncivilized!" exclaimed my aunt, as I chatted away with food in my mouth.



ORD (from the Latin word *ordo* meaning "regularity, order")

Familiar Words
with Root ORD

disorder
order
orderly
orderliness
reorder

Challenge Words
with Root ORD

inordinate
insubordination
ordinal
ordinance

6. **coordinate** (kō or' də nāt)
v. To bring together to work smoothly.

Kevin and Brianna coordinated the registration for summer swimming classes.



7. **extraordinary** (ik stror' dən er ē)
adj. More than the ordinary, beyond what is expected, remarkable.

The extraordinary length of the Mississippi River makes it one of the ten longest rivers in the world.



8. **ordinarily** (or dən er' ə lē)
adv. Usually, generally, in the regular way.

Ordinarily, I take my piano lesson at one o'clock on Saturdays, but next week I'll take it at two.



EXERCISE A: ANTONYMS

Write the letter of the best ANTONYM (the word or phrase most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in bold-faced type).

1. _____ a group of **civilians**
a. doctors b. soldiers c. governors d. teachers
2. _____ an **extraordinary** storm
a. fine b. better c. common d. terrifying
3. _____ **uncivilized** behavior
a. rich b. healthy c. uneducated d. courteous
4. _____ was dressed **ordinarily**
a. unusually b. fairly c. quickly d. neatly
5. _____ acted with **civility**
a. order b. enthusiasm c. rudeness d. kindness



EXERCISE B: MEANING IN CONTEXT

Use these words to fill in the blanks in the following paragraph.

civics

extraordinary

coordinated

civil

Ms. Weber teaches classes in two related subjects, United States history and (1)_____, the study of our government. In both classes, she teaches about Martin Luther King Jr., who (2)_____ the drive for legislation that would ensure equality for everyone. Her students say that after studying with her, they have a much better understanding of Dr. King’s role in the (3)_____ rights movement. They can see clearly what an (4)_____ time it was.



EXERCISE C: EXTEND YOUR VOCABULARY

The noun suffix *-ity*

One of the key words in this lesson is *civility*. It ends with the suffix *-ity*. This suffix shows that a word is a noun. The meaning of a noun ending in *-ity* is usually connected to the meaning of its adjective partner. *Civility* is related to “being *civil*,” just as *equality* is related to “being *equal*.” *Civil* and *equal* are adjectives. *Civility* and *equality* are nouns.

All of the nouns in the first column end in the suffix *-ity*. On the line, write the adjective from which the noun was formed.

Nouns

Adjectives

1. activity

2. possibility

3. vitality

4. originality

5. creativity

6. Choose two of the nouns and use each one in a sentence.

