Roots for DP1 List #4

di-

diverge

(to split into different paths)

dichotomy

(a category of only two groupings)

DI- =

(prefix)

divide

(to split, usually in half)

dialogue

(conversation; interacting ideas)

a/ab-

abnormal

(not normal; unusual)

A/AB- =

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cide- / cis-

cog-

-ify

-ate

Idiom: “go to town” & “have a blast”

“Can I really knock the wall down?” I asked.

“Go to town,” he said as he handed me the sledgehammer.

**All Roots:**

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| Prefixes | Roots | Suffixes |
| a- /ab-  in- /im-  co- /con- /com-  contra-  pre-  post-  di- | host- / hosp-  dict-  scrib- / scrip-  trans-  mal-  ben-/bene-  cide-  cog- | -er / -or  -ent /-ant  -tion  -ify  -ate |
| **Idioms:** “state of the art”; “hold your horses”; “go to town”; “have a blast” | | |

**List #4 Root Vocabulary:**

1. dichotomize (v) / dichotomy (n)/ dichotomous (adj): to divide into only two opposing groups

I hate false dichotomies when people say “There are only two types of people in the world…”

1. diverge (v) / divergent (adj): to separate into a different route or category

Two roads diverged in the woods, and I took the one less traveled by.

1. amoral (adj) / amorality (n): having no sense of right or wrong; lacking any ethics

The treatment of these body parts shows a completely **amoral** attitude to the lives of these poor, innocent animals.

1. incise (v) /incision (n) / incisor (n): to cut into

Humans are omnivores because they have both incisors and molars.

1. cognition (n) / cognitive (adj): the act of thinking

The man had impaired cognition after he suffered a blow to the head.

1. cognate (n): a derivative from the same language

The “vol” in “volunteer” is different from “vol” in “volume”. They are false cognates.

1. incognito (adv): acting in a way to conceal your identity

We’ll travel incognito by wearing fake glasses and mustaches.

1. cognizant (adj) / cognizance (n): to be aware of

He was completely oblivious and lacked any cognizance of the situation.

1. cogent (adj): clear, obvious, or convincing

Devin wants you to be able to write cogently.

**Argument Vocabulary:**

1. imply (v) & implicit (adj): to state indirectly; to suggest

Your hesitance implies that you don’t want to do it.

1. explicit (adj): stated clearly and directly with no room for confusion

It is always better to be explicit in an essay instead of subtle.

1. pervade (v) / pervasive (adj): to spread throughout and be commonplace

It is almost impossible to escape the pervasive nature of advertising in our lives.

1. inculcate (v) / inculcation (n): to brainwash through persistent instruction

We have been inculcated to believe that computers can answer questions better than we can.

1. ingrain (v) / ingrained (adj): to firmly fix a habit, belief, or attitude

These habits became deeply ingrained in his psyche.

1. inundate (v) / inundated (adj): to overwhelmed or flood with a large amount

The market has been inundated with new “touch” technology over the past few years.

1. indoctrinate (v) / indoctrinated (adj): to teach a set of beliefs as if they were absolute truth

They were indoctrinated to believe that Big Brother was omniscient.