Roots for DP1 List #5

ob-

obstinate

(stubborn; unyielding)

obstacle

(a blockage in a pathway)

OB- =

(prefix)

obstruct

(to block)

object

(to disagree)

dub-

dubious

(suspicious; doubtful)

DUB- =

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cred-

pac- / plac-

-ious / -ous

Idioms: “a taste of your own medicine” & “poetic justice”

* John got a taste of his own medicine when Sally pulled the same prank on him.
* Sally gave John a taste of his own medicine when she pulled the same prank on him.
* Tara smiled at the poetic justice when she noticed that Sally pulled the same prank on him.**Old Roots:**

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

**List #5 Root Vocabulary:**

1. obstinate (adj) / obstinacy (n): intransigent; difficult to move or persuade

* Unfortunately, the obstinacy of politicians prevents them from reaching compromise.
* If you would stop being an obstinate fool for just two seconds and listen, then you might change your mind.

1. obfuscate (v) / obfuscation (n): to make something difficult to understand; to obscure

* The meaning of the petition was obfuscating by bureaucratic language that no one understood.
* Academic writers often favor obfuscation in order to make themselves sound smarter (and make others feel inadequate).

1. obscure (adj) / obscure (v) / obscurity (n): not clear in shape or meaning; little known

* Mark and Juan could not make out the obscure figure rising out of the mist.
* Why would you spend your time memorizing obscure facts of little use?

1. obliterate (v) / obliteration (n): to erase or destroy entirely

* Some weapons are so devastating that they simply obliterate their targets.
* Thousands of years and weather has obliterated the statue’s details.

1. baffle (v) / baffling (adj): to confuse or bewilder

* Eugene was baffled by the question and was stunned into silence.
* Only Sherlock Holmes could unravel the baffling case.

1. dubious (adj): doubtful; suspicious

* She was dubious of going on a second date with him after his bad first impression.
* Spies, by their nature, should be dubious of others and assume that they are lying.

1. indubitably (adv): undoubtedly

* There will indubitably be another eruption from this volcano. The question is when.
* In response to his question “Are you going to the dance?” I responded “Indubitably!”

1. creed (n): a set of moral or religious principles

* A belief in the afterlife is a common creed among many religions.
* The U.S. Pledge of Allegiance outlines much of America’s creed.

1. credible (adj) / credibility (n): believable; trustworthy

* Be sure the explain where your evidence came from to bolster your credibility.
* The sight was so amazing that many believed it to be incredible.

1. incredulous (adj) / incredulity (n): in a state of disbelief; dumbfounded

* After the shocking news, many stood incredulous and didn’t know what to do next.
* When her son told her that he was late getting home because of a UFO, she expressed her incredulity.
* ONLY PEOPLE CAN BE DESCRIBED AS INCREDULOUS

1. credence (n): trustworthiness; credibility

* Although it seemed unlikely at the same, the evidence gave credence to the man’s claims.
* I gave no credence to the rumors, as they are often falsehoods.

1. corroborate (v) / corroboration (n): to support with evidence or testimony

* The prosecutor’s claims were corroborated by all the witness’ testimonies.
* If you don’t offer any evidence to corroborate your claim, then you are just speculating.

1. placate (v) / placated (adj): to calm and make less agitated; to pacify

* Babies will often cry until their mothers can find a way to placate them.
* The company executives tried to placate the protestors by agreeing to make minor changes in their policies.

1. appease (v) / appeasement (n): to calm and make less agitated; to placate
   * The world leaders hoped to appease the dictator and prevent a full-scale war.
   * North Korea often rumbles in order to receive appeasement in form of foreign aid.
2. implacable (adj): unable to be placated, pleased, or soothed
   * After being insulted so greatly, he was implacable and impervious to any apologies.
   * No one liked to babysit young Jordan due to his implacable nature.
3. placid (adj) / placidly (adv): calm; serene; tranquil

* The wind quieted down and the lake water became placid again.
* She is a quiet child with a placid temperament.

Master List for Teacher:

obfuscate

obstinate

obscure

obliterate

obscene

oblivious

credo

creed

credit

discredit

credibility

incredulous

accredit

credence

placid

placate

pacify

implacable