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| **Vocabulary Word** | **Definition** | **Stem(s)** | **Stem Definition(s)** |
| **1. discern** | to [recognize](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/recognize) or identify as separate and [distinct](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/distinct) | **dis** |  |
| **2. misnomer** | a name that is wrong or not proper or appropriate | **mis****nom** |  |
| **3. chauvinism** | excessive or blind patriotism | **ism** |  |
| **4. inexpugnable** | incapable of being subdued or overthrown | **pugn** |  |
| **5. etiology** | a branch of medical science concerned with the causes and origins of diseases  | **logy** |  |
| **6. hebetude** | lethargy; dullness | **hebe** |  |
| **7. axiology** | study of value | **axio****logy** |  |
| **8. congeries** | collection; heap | **con****ger** |  |
| **9. sinology** | study of China | **sino****logy** |  |
| **10. nonentity** | a person or thing of little consequence or significance | **non** |  |
| **11. prognosis** | the prospect of recovery as anticipated from the usual course of disease | **pro****gno** |  |
| **12. entomology** | a branch of science that deals with the study of insects | **entomo** |  |
| **13. perspicacity** | having or showing an ability to notice and understand things that are difficult or not obvious; insight | **per****spec** |  |
| **14. synthesis** | the composition or combination of parts or elements so as to form a whole | **syn** |  |
| **15. mobocracy** | rule by the mob | **cracy** |  |