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| **Vocabulary Word** | **Definition** | **Stem(s)** | **Stem Definition(s)** |
| **1. synergy** | the increased effectiveness that results when two or more people or businesses work together | **syn** |  |
| **2. epithet** | disparaging or descriptive name | **epi** |  |
| **3. toponym** | place name | **topo****nym** |  |
| **4. equinox** | a day when day and night are the same length because the sun passes over the equator | **equi****nox** |  |
| **5. ailurophobia** | abnormal fear of cats | **phobia** |  |
| **6. intestate** | having no will |  |  |
| **7. syntax** | the way in which words are put together to form phrases, clauses, or sentences | **syn** |  |
| **8. hysteron proteron** | a figure of speech consisting of the reversal of a natural or rational order (as in “then came the thunder and the lightning”)  | **hysteros****proteron** |  |
| **9. geosynchronous** | stationary in orbit | **geo****syn** |  |
| **10. epistolary** | made up of letters | **epist** |  |
| **11. amorphous** | without a distinct and permanent shape | **a****morph** |  |
| **12. neologism** | new word | **neo** |  |
| **13. circumspect** | cautious | **circum****spec** |  |
| **14. equivocate** | to use unclear language especially to deceive or mislead someone | **equi** |  |
| **15. superfluous** | more than necessary | **super** |  |