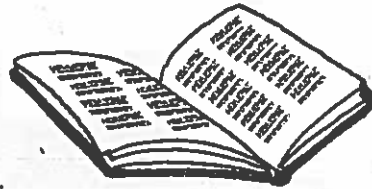


Latin Roots *clar, dict*

clarity	clarify	clarion	predict	diction
declare	declaration	dictate	dictator	dictionary

MANY WORDS HAVE LATIN ROOTS.



A **dictionary** is a book of alphabetized words, their meanings, and pronunciations.

Root:

Clar means "clear."

Clarity is clearness.

When you **declare** something, you make it known.

If you **clarify** something, you make it clear.

A **declaration** is an announcement.

A **clarion** is a clear, shrill sound.

Dict means "say."

If you **dictate** something, you say it aloud for someone to write down.

When you **predict** something, you say what will happen next.

A **dictator** is a person who rules with total authority.

Diction is a person's manner of speaking.

A. Read the vocabulary word. Find and circle two other words that mean almost the same thing.

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|-----------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| 1. diction | wording | phrasing | opinion |
| 2. clarify | interpret | inquire | explain |
| 3. predict | prevent | foretell | prophecy |
| 4. declare | proclaim | announce | demand |
| 5. clarity | obviousness | hidden | clearness |
| 6. declaration | statement | delay | proclamation |
| 7. dictator | ruler | despot | citizen |

B. Underline the root in each word.

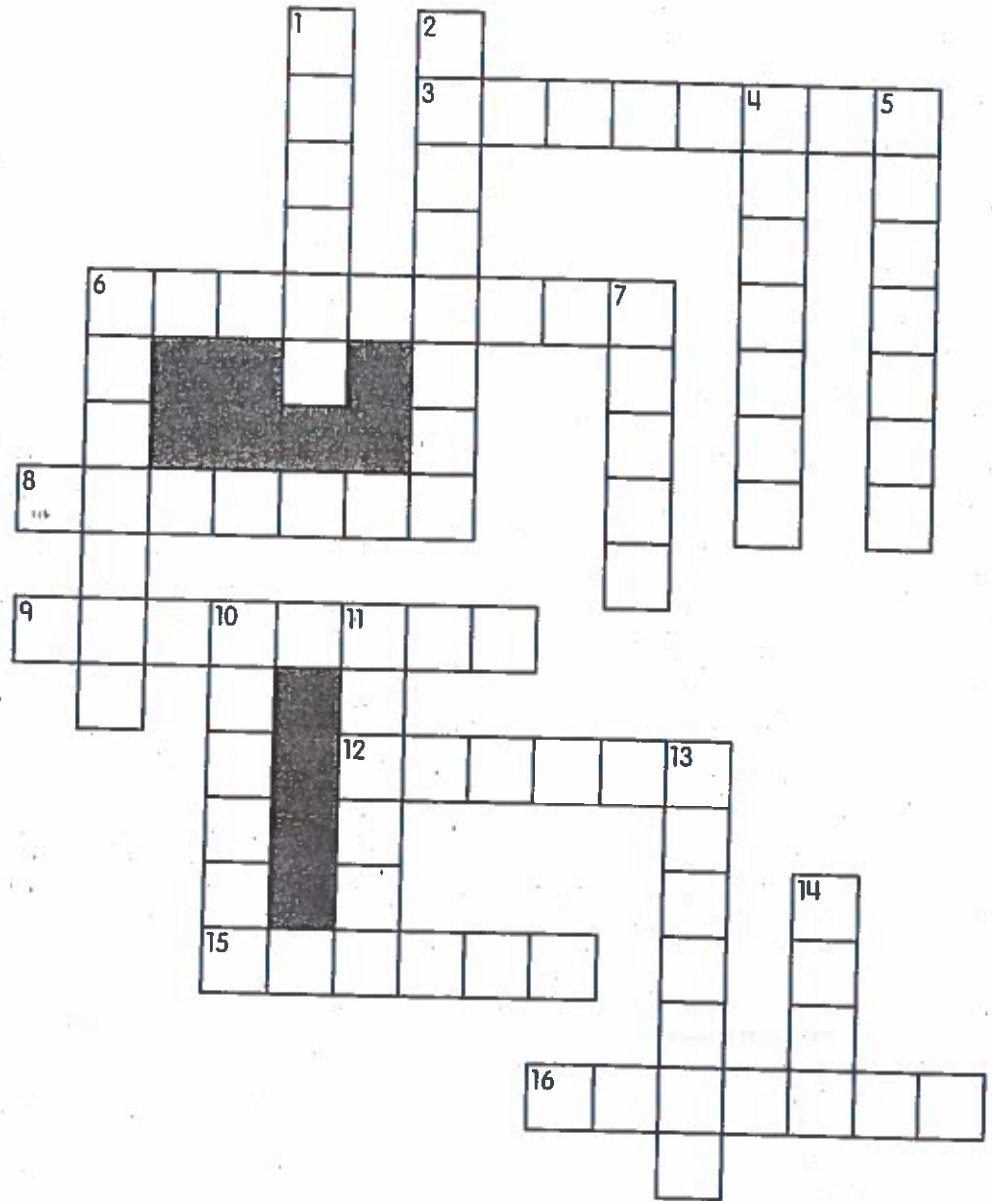
1. **clarion** 2. **dictate** 3. **dictionary**

Word Meaning

Complete the crossword puzzle using spelling words.

Down

1. something built over a river so people and vehicles can go across
2. the opposite of **selfish**
4. happening again and again at the same time
5. land; nation; region
6. made up your mind
7. from then until now
10. a perfectly round shape
11. a form or shape
13. a part of the whole thing
14. pleasing; agreeable



Across

3. charged with electrical energy
6. the opposite of **safe**
8. signs giving notice of something
9. free from strife; calm
12. an exceptionally intelligent or gifted person
15. the capacity for doing work
16. a musical performance

My Spelling Dictation

Write the sentences. Circle the spelling words.

1. _____

2. _____
