



Keywords

au•di•ble—AW-duh-buhl *adjective* able to be heard

au•di•ence—AW-dee-uhns *noun* a group that listens or watches

au•di•o—AW-dee-oh *adjective* 1. relating to sound that can be heard
2. relating to the recording or reproduction of sound

au•di•tion—aw-DIHSH-uhn *noun* 1. the sense of hearing
2. a test performance by a musician, singer, dancer, or actor

au•di•to•ri•um—awd-ih-TAWR-ee-uhm *noun* a building, or the area of a building, where the audience sits

dic•tate—DIHK-tayt *verb* 1. to speak or read for someone to write down
2. to give orders or rule over

dic•ta•tor—DIHK-tay-ter *noun* a leader who rules with total power over others

dic•tion•ary—DIHK-shuh-nehr-ee *noun* a reference book that lists words in alphabetical order and explains their meanings

pre•dict—prih-DIHKT *verb* to tell what is going to happen in the future

ver•dict—VER-dihkt *noun* 1. the decision a jury reaches together
2. an opinion about something

Root It Out

READ each definition. WRITE the missing root letters in the blanks.

HINT: Match the **bold** words in each definition to a root.

aud = hear dict = say

1. Someone who **says** what other people should do: _____ **ator**
2. A place where you can **hear** school announcements: _____ **itorium**
3. The jury foreman **says** the jury's decision or: **ver** _____
4. If you can **hear** a whisper, it's _____ **ible**
5. A book that **tells** where words come from and what they mean: _____ **ionary**
6. The track of sound you can **hear** on a movie: _____ **io**
7. What a fortuneteller does when she **says** what will happen next year: **pre** _____
8. The people who **hear** a band play: _____ **ience**
9. When you **say** your notes to a friend who copies them down, you _____ **ate**
10. When someone **hears** you play drums to tell if you are good enough join the band, it is an _____ **ition**

Read & Replace

ROOTS are groups of letters that can be found at the beginning, middle, or end of a word. Each root has its own meaning. The root *aud* at the beginning of the word *audience* means *hear*. The root *dict* at the end of the word *predict* means *say*. READ the story. FILL IN the blanks with keywords.

audible audience audio audition auditorium
dictate dictator dictionary predict verdict

Neil's knees were shaking as he walked into the 1 _____.
He couldn't 2 _____ how the band would feel about him,
and he was nervous that his 3 _____ wouldn't go well.

Neil watched as the band's manager barked orders at everyone.
"This guy is a real 4 _____," he thought.

When it was his turn, Neil started to sing, but the 5 _____
knob on the microphone was turned too low. Someone fixed it
so that Neil's voice was 6 _____. Neil sang a few lines.
"Enough!" yelled the manager. "Have you got anything else to
show us?"

Neil waited for hours to hear the band's 7 _____. When
they said Neil had been chosen to be a member, he could hardly
believe it. But Neil knew he could never listen to anyone
8 _____ the way he should sing. He'd rather wait for his
chance to sing in front of a big 9 _____. He turned to the
manager and said, "You need to
learn about manners. You can start
by looking in the 10 _____
under the letter 'M.'" Then he
proudly walked away.

