



## 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-DIHS-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**



# Combo Mambo

*aud/audio* = hear    *dict* = say or tell

itory

DICT



## 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.

