## The Word Within the Word Vocabulary Homework—Lesson 6

## Word Hunt:

Read the following text. <u>Underline</u> the word containing the root. In the space provided, tell what you think that underline word means based on your context clues.

The Earth opened abruptly. The large canyon-like divide that ran through the middle of town had shocked everyone. The split in the ground cut the west half of town off from many necessary resources. Today, town officials had decided to congregate to discuss the situation. They needed to determine how to get resources over the great divide.

A few men sat at the long, shining table. They looked <mark>sophisticated</mark>, wearing suits and ties. Many wore secretive sunglasses. Colonel Smith strode into the room, his mouth a thin line set in his square chin. "Men, your contributions?"

"Well, sir," Dr. Gonzalez, the famous and brilliant surgeon of the city stood and made hand gestures while speaking, "we are in a region with a Mediterranean climate. I propose we transport resources over a bridge. It would be a temporary solution that we could dismantle when we could seal the crack."

"We'll take that into consideration," the Colonel grunted. "Next idea?"

The high school principal, Mr. Maxwell, grinned. His assistant, Mrs. Collins, walked briskly into the room carrying a model of their idea. "Something tangible might suit your fancy?" he asked, the odd grin not wavering from his face. He had deliberately timed his partner's entrance; he was determined to be the one with the great idea to solve this issue and win over the Colonel. He would go down in the history books as the man who saved a town from the great quake of 1925.

The display was an adjunct, or not entirely necessary, to the overall presentation, but he felt it could make all the difference. His whole job could change right here, right now. He could get a promotion and become much more powerful. There was a glint in his eyes and his grin turned wicked. No matter what, he would win.

## Definitions:

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