

Vocabulary Strategy

GREEK ROOTS AND AFFIXES

The townspeople consider the Middletons *eccentric*. This word contains the Greek roots *ek*, meaning “out” and “*kentros*,” meaning “center.” Someone eccentric is “out of center” or unconventional. The root *kentros* is found in several other English words. To understand the meaning of words from the root *kentros*, use your knowledge of the root as well as context clues.

eccentric	concentric	geocentric	egocentric	ethnocentric
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Directions: The box shows five words from the root *kentros*. Choose one word to complete each sentence. Also give the definition of the word, using a dictionary to help you if necessary.

- Someone who is _____ does not think other people are worth thinking about.
definition: _____
- The complicated maze is basically a series of _____ circles with some sections removed.
definition: _____
- Her reactions are always so _____ that you never know what she’s going to do next.
definition: _____
- If someone thinks that his own culture is far superior to all other cultures, he has an _____ view of the world.
definition: _____
- Scientists once held a _____ view of the world, so they thought everything revolved, literally, around Earth.
definition: _____