



Roots, Prefixes & Suffixes

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

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Part B: Fill in the Blank

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5. If a monotone voice has only one tone, then polyphonic music has many notes playing at the same