CHARACTERISTICALLY SPEAKING

Do you like to be around **obstreperous** people? Or do you prefer a **fastidious** friend? (You might need to look these words up to answer the questions!) The word-parts below can form words which describe characteristics of people. Put them together to correctly spell thirty characteristics. Choose one of the endings for each beginning. Some endings will be used more than once. Decide whether each word describes a characteristic you would like in a friend. Next to each one, write **yes** or **no**.

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2.	defi	12.	touch	22.	letharg
3.	abras	13.	agree	23.	imaginat
4.	pol	14.	errat	24.	clev
5.	creat	15.	pecul	25.	entertain
6.	cau	16.	stubb	26.	bor
7.	negat	17.	grouch	27.	jeal
8.	critic	18.	host	28.	bigot
9.	adventur	19.	vigor	29.	toler
10.	reclus	20.	rest	30.	secret

PEOPLE CAN REALLY BE CHARACTERS

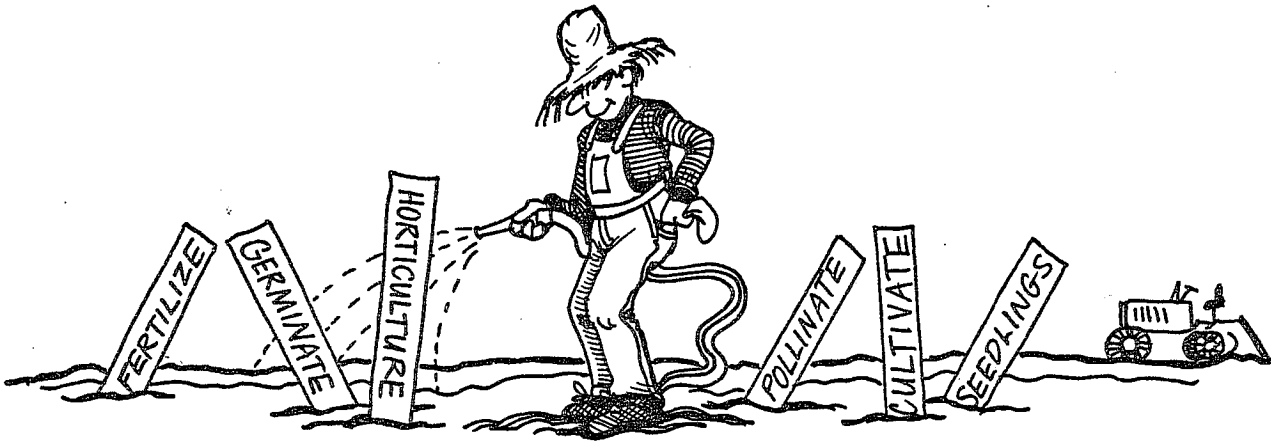Name _____

AT THE ROOT OF IT

You may not think of words as living things with roots. But roots are places from which words grow—sort of like plants. Words have roots as the "center" of their structure, and often other parts, such as prefixes, endings, and suffixes, are added on. Another important thing about a root is that it supplies the basic meaning of the word.

These words are missing their roots. The meaning of each **root** is given; see if you can fill in the missing root to hold the word together. Spell the roots correctly!

1. _____ ify (truthfulness)

2. _____ tude (high)

3. em _____ y (feelings)

4. _____ ible (touch)

5. _____ ifist (peace)

6. _____ able (hard)

7. _____ rarian (book)

8. _____ ility (move)

9. _____ ulation (people)

10. sus _____ (hang)

11. _____ ure (break)

12. trans _____ (carry)

13. _____ ant (sleep)

14. _____ biography (self)

15. _____ tion (make or do)

16. _____ nal (day)

17. _____ inous (light)

18. _____ logy (star)

19. _____ iculous (laugh)

20. bio _____ y (write)

Name- _____