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WORD STUDY ▶ **LATIN SUFFIX: -ICAL**

The **Latin suffix -ical** means “having to do with” or “made of.” For example, the word *spherical* means “having the shape of a sphere.”

A. DIRECTIONS: In each of the following items, think about the meaning of the italicized word. Then, answer the question.

1. Juan thought the sunset at the Grand Canton was *magical*. Was the sunset ordinary? Explain. _____

2. After Kendra and Paul got lost on a trail, Kendra offered a *practical* idea for finding their way—she said they should retrace their steps to the point where they got lost. Did Kendra’s idea make sense? Explain. _____

3. If everything that Kyle says is *hyperbolic*, would it be accurate to say that he exaggerates? Explain. _____

4. Why might a person writing a computer manual define *technical* terms? _____

B. DIRECTIONS: Each word in the list below contains the Latin suffix *-ical*. Select the correct word from the list to complete each sentence.

ecological • fantastical • atypical • historical • archaeological

1. We doubted the _____ accuracy of the facts in the essay.

2. The _____ dig uncovered ancient coins and pottery.

3. My dog Bernice is _____ of other dogs; she acts more like a cat.

4. The oil spill was a(n) _____ disaster.

5. The fantasy novel contains several _____ beasts, including a unicorn.

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A. DIRECTIONS: Each word pair below contains the Latin suffix *-ical*. Select the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. Josh did not realize he was allergic to mango until he had a (demonical / dermatological) outbreak of hives.
2. Rashad's antics in the cafeteria were very (comical / clinical); we all laughed.
3. Mr. Kim asked us to write a (biblical / biographical) sketch of one of our personal heroes.
4. Amman was preparing for her (aeronautical / astrological) exam on the history of flight.

B. DIRECTIONS: Use each of the following words in a complete sentence.

1. political _____

2. musical _____

3. clerical _____

C. DIRECTIONS: Find four additional words that contain the Latin suffix *-ical*, and use each in a complete sentence.

1. Word: _____
Sentence: _____
2. Word: _____
Sentence: _____
3. Word: _____
Sentence: _____