

Unusual Normality

Word Study

1. Alienated

- **Phoneme Practice:** /æliəˌneɪtɪd/
- **Prefix:** *alien-* (foreign)
- **Suffix:** *-ed* (past participle)

2. Disconnected

- **Phoneme Practice:** /ˌdɪskəˈneɪktɪd/
- **Prefix:** *dis-* (not, opposite of)
- **Suffix:** *-ed* (past participle)

3. Overwhelming

- **Phoneme Practice:** /ˌoʊvərˈwɛlmɪŋ/
- **Prefix:** *over-* (excessive)
- **Suffix:** *-ing* (present participle/gerund)

4. Emotions

- **Phoneme Practice:** /ɪˈmoʊʃənz/
- **Root:** *mot-* (to move, from Latin *movere*)
- **Suffix:** *-ions* (plural form)

5. Exhaustion

- **Phoneme Practice:** /ɪɡˈzɔːstʃən/
- **Prefix:** *ex-* (out of, completely)
- **Suffix:** *-ion* (state or condition)

6. Isolation

- **Phoneme Practice:** /ˌaɪsəˈleɪʃən/
- **Root:** *sol-* (alone, from Latin *solus*)
- **Suffix:** *-ation* (action or process)

7. Regulate

- **Phoneme Practice:** /ˈrɛɡjʊˌleɪt/
- **Prefix:** *re-* (again)
- **Root:** *reg-* (to guide, from Latin *regere*)

8. Trauma

- **Phoneme Practice:** /trɔ:mə/
- **Root:** *trauma-* (wound, from Greek *τραῦμα*)
- **Suffix:** None (simple noun)

9. Disorientation

- **Phoneme Practice:** /,dɪsɔ:ri'ɛn,teɪʃən/
- **Prefix:** *dis-* (not, opposite of)
- **Root:** *orient-* (to set, from Latin *orientare*)
- **Suffix:** *-ation* (action or process)

10. Guilt

- **Phoneme Practice:** /gɪlt/
- **Root:** *guilt-* (from Old English *gylt*)
- **Suffix:** None (simple noun)

Use in Context:

These words not only offer opportunities for **phonemic awareness** practice (recognizing sounds and syllables) but also allow students to explore how **prefixes** and **suffixes** alter the meanings of root words. For example:

- **Alienated** has the prefix *alien-* meaning "foreign" or "other," and the suffix *-ed*, which indicates that the action has already happened.
- **Disconnection** can be explored with the prefix *dis-* meaning "opposite of," showing how the word changes when that prefix is added to the root word *connect*.

You could have students break down these words into their parts and practice their pronunciation, which will help in both spelling and understanding their meanings.