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Word Roots: -Dict and -Fract/-Frag

The root 'dict' means 'to speak'. The roots 'fract' and 'frag' mean 'to break'. You can use these root meanings to help you understand what the new words mean.

1. predict
2. prediction
3. predictable
4. contradict
5. contradiction
6. dictate
7. dictation
8. dictator
9. verdict
10. fraction
11. fracture
12. infraction
13. fragment
14. fragile

Root Words and Definitions

1. **predict** (verb) – *root: dict (speak)*; to say something you believe will happen in the future
2. **prediction** (noun) – *root: dict (speak)*; something that one believes will happen in the future
3. **predictable** (adjective) – *root: dict (speak)*; able to be predicted
4. **contradict** (verb) – *root: dict (speak)*; to say that something is not true by saying the opposite is true
5. **contradiction** (noun) – *root: dict (speak)*; a combination of statements or ideas which are the opposite of each other – both cannot be true
6. **dictate** (verb) – *root: dict (speak)*; to tell someone to do something
7. **dictation** (noun) – *root: dict (speak)*; spoken words that are meant to be written down by someone else
8. **dictator** (noun) – *root: dict (speak)*; a ruler with complete power over a country
9. **verdict** (noun) – *root: dict (speak)*; a decision that is made by a judge in a court or criminal case
10. **fraction** (noun) – *root: fract (break)*; a number that is less than one; a fraction is made when you break one whole thing up into equal parts
11. **fracture** (verb) – *root: fract (break)*; to break or cause to break
12. **infraction** (noun) – *root: fract (break)*; an action that breaks a law or a rule
13. **fragment** (noun) – *root: frag (break)*; a small part that has been broken off from a whole thing
14. **fragile** (adjective) – *root: frag (break)*; something that is easily broken