

Hidden Word Hunters Answer Key

Sample Responses

1. unbelievable - **believe** → to think something is true
2. construction - **struct** → to build
3. transportation - **port** → to carry
4. inspection - **spect** → to look or see
5. predictable - **dict** → to say
6. description - **scribe** → to write
7. portable - **port** → to carry
8. eruption - **rupt** → to break
9. subscription - **scribe** → to write
10. dependable - **pend** → to hang or rely upon

Teacher's Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Strengthening **root word recognition** and connecting roots to meaning within larger vocabulary words.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For younger or struggling learners: provide a brief list of common roots (e.g., *port* = *carry*, *spect* = *see*, *scrib* = *write*) as hints.
 - For advanced students: challenge them to identify **prefixes** and **suffixes** too, explaining how each part changes meaning.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Turn it into a "Root Word Scavenger Hunt" around the classroom or library.
 - Have students create "Root Detective Badges" and collect root examples throughout the week.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask students to write short sentences using three of the words to show comprehension.
 - Encourage learners to make a "Root Word Notebook" where they list new words with the same root family.