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Vocabulary Builder

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Using the Root -sol-

The root *-sol-* comes from the Latin *solari*, meaning "to comfort."

A. DIRECTIONS: Explain how the root *-sol-* influences the meaning of the underlined word in each sentence.

1. Before Beowulf arrived, Hrothgar and his Danes were disconsolate over the deeds of Grendel.

2. He consoled his little daughter for the loss of her goldfish by promising to buy her a new one.

3. The Geats grieved inconsolably when the dragon killed their once mighty king, Beowulf.

4. Although she won the consolation tournament, Allison was disappointed in her performance.

Using the Word List

reparation	solace	purge
writhing	massive	loathsome

B. DIRECTIONS: For each underlined word, substitute a word or phrase with the same meaning. Write it in the blank following the sentence.

1. Only a hero of Beowulf's strength could hope to lift the massive sword in Grendel's battle hall.

2. The third monster, most loathsome of all, had eight eyes on stalks and was covered with slime.

3. Most epic heroes strive to purge the world of wicked beings.

4. Snakes can move rapidly with their writhing form of locomotion.

5. The badly defeated warrior found solace in the affection of his family.

6. The captured bandits were ordered to give gold to their victims as reparation.
