

Building Vocabulary through Word Roots

Alone Again, Naturally

What do *solo* and *sole* (as in “sole survivor”) have in common? Each refers to one, alone. The base **sol** means “alone, only, one.” Since most of us are currently isolated because of COVID 19, focusing on this base makes sense!

Below is a little chart. Complete it with your child or students. Discuss the answers.

Directions: Sometimes, **sol** means *alone, only, or one*. Sometimes it doesn’t. Put these words on the chart where they belong. You will put four words on each side.

consolidate	solar	solarium	soliloquy
solidify	solitary	solitude	soloist
“sol” means “alone, only, one”		“sol” does <u>not</u> mean “alone, only, one”	



Note: The root **sol** also can refer to the **sun**. What words in the list above refer to sun? Can you think of any others? (Hint – first day of summer and winter; also a kind of umbrella).

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