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**WORD STUDY** ➔ **LATIN ROOT: -VIS-**

The **Latin root -vis-** means “see” or “look at.” For example, the word *revise* literally means “to look again.” When you revise something, you look back over it in order to improve it. **Note:** Sometimes this root is spelled **-vid-**, as in the word *videotape*.

**A. DIRECTIONS:** Study the words below and the hints in parentheses. Then, select the correct word to complete each sentence. Use a dictionary, if necessary.

- **visibility** (Think of the *-ibility* part as meaning the same as the word *ability*.)
  - **visor** (The suffix *-or* means “someone or something that does.”)
  - **envision** (The prefix *en-* means “to put into” and changes the word into a *verb*.)
  - **supervise** (The prefix *super-* means “over; above.”)
  - **vision** (The suffix *-ion* means “the act or condition of” and forms a noun.)
1. Most of the team wear baseball caps, but I prefer my \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ a world with no hunger or disease?
  3. On foggy days, drivers may have trouble due to poor \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Cho was alarmed when he first experience blurred \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. Micki’s job is to \_\_\_\_\_ all of the cooks and servers.

**B. DIRECTIONS:** Match each word from Part A with its definition by writing the correct letter on the line.

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| 1. _____ visibility | a. to picture in the mind something that does not exist yet |
| 2. _____ visor      | b. the degree to which people can see clearly               |
| 3. _____ envision   | c. the power to see with the eye; eyesight                  |
| 4. _____ supervise  | d. a headband with a brim to shade the eyes                 |
| 5. _____ vision     | e. to observe and manage (workers, a project, and so on)    |

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1. Shar included a graph and other (supervisory/visual) aids in her report.
2. Looking east, we saw an amazing (vista/visor) stretched out before us.
3. We did not have to drive to the park because the fireworks were (televised/visible) from our house.
4. Craig (envisioned/advised) a small, sleek tech company where he would be free to work creatively.

**B. DIRECTIONS:** In each of the following items, think about the meaning of the italicized word. Then, answer the question. Use a dictionary, if needed.

1. If Saul is a *visual* learner, which do you think would help him learn about the country of Peru more easily: (1) a map with pictures or (2) a list of written facts? Explain.

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2. You are about to *video* chat with your aunt. It is Saturday morning, and you are still in your pajamas and have not yet brushed your hair. Will your aunt be able to tell that you have not brushed your hair or gotten dressed yet? Explain.

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**C. DIRECTIONS:** Study the definition of each word below, and then tell how the meaning of the root *-vis-* or *-vid-* helps explain the meaning of the word.

1. **evident:** (*adjective*) easy to recognize or identify; clear; obvious \_\_\_\_\_

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2. **visualize:** (*verb*) to form a mental image of something \_\_\_\_\_

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