

ROOTY PUZZLE™



DIRECTIONS: Use the root, part of speech and definition to solve each hidden word. A master root appears in every word. Today's root is **DIC(T)** and means "speak, declare".

D **I** **C**

1. To give up or renounce, esp. in a voluntary, public or formal manner (verb)

D **I** **C** **T**

2. Formal accusation; any charge, serious criticism or cause for blame (noun)

D **I** **C**

3. Act of devoting wholly to a purpose or special use; inscription to a person (book) (noun)

D **I** **C** **T**

4. Characteristic of someone exercising absolute power or authority; imperious (adjective)

1. The ruler decided it was time to _____ her responsibilities to others.
2. Serious violations of propriety led to an _____ of the treasurer.
3. The yearbook staff made a front page _____ to their favorite teacher.
4. The stern and strict manager spoke in _____ tones to his employees.

Answers: 1-abdicate; 2-indictment; 3-dedication; 4-dictatorial