Vocabulary Root Words Lesson 1 Government and People

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| Root Word | Meaning | Words You Already Know |
| cracy | government | democracy |
| demo/dem | people | democracy |

NEW WORDS: Write a 1 next to the words you know well, a 2 next to those words that you “kind of” know, and a 3 next to the words you don’t know at all. Then highlight the root words “cracy” and “demo” in the definitions and example sentences.

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| **1, 2, 3** | **Definitions** | **Example Sentences** |
|  | bureaucracy (n): a system in government operated by a large number of officials following rules and procedures | It can be difficult to get things done quickly when working in a bureaucracy because of all the “red tape.” |
|  | autocracy (n): a government in which one person holds unlimited power | The emperor ruled the autocracy with an iron fist, sharing his power with no one. |
|  | aristocracy (n): a government run by the upper class (also people in the upper class) | The citizens revolted against the wealthy aristocracy and formed a democracy. |
|  | democracy (n): a government that has been elected freely and equally by all its citizens | The new nation established a democracy in which each citizen had the right to vote. |
|  | epidemic (n): an outbreak of a disease that spreads quickly in a specific area | The Ebola epidemic in west Africa has been quite deadly. |
|  | pandemic (n): an outbreak of a disease that is widespread and affects people in many different countries | The AIDS pandemic caused panic in the 1980s and is still a global concern today. |
|  | demographic (adj/n): information about a population, usually related to gender, rage, income, etc. | The demographics show that SEA has more male students than female.  |
|  | demagogue (n): a leader who gains power by appealing to people’s emotions and prejudices in a manipulative and negative way | Adolph Hitler was a demagogue who capitalized on existing prejudices against the Jewish community.  |