

Read & Find Root Words #2



Read the story and underline any words that contain the root words RUPT or AUTO. Then, list all the underlined words in the chart below.

The rental car stopped abruptly outside the airport, jolting Sydney awake. Rubbing her eyes, she realized that her family had finally arrived at the departure point for their helicopter tour of Hawaii's Big Island. It was the second day of their family vacation, and Sydney was still recovering from her jet lag. When they had set off before sunrise that morning for the two-hour drive to the airport, Sydney had immediately fallen asleep in the back of the automobile. Awake and refreshed now, her nerves were starting to get to her.

Sydney wasn't a fan of heights, but she knew that a helicopter tour would offer the chance to capture some amazing photographs of the island. She had been practicing her photography skills for a couple of years and was dreaming about a career in landscape or travel photography. For Sydney's last birthday, her parents had even given her an autographed print from her favorite photographer. So she had been both nervous and excited about the helicopter tour ever since her parents had mentioned it.

"I call dibs on the front seat!" her brother, Liam, shouted as their parents finished checking in. Sydney began to argue—after all, the front seat would be the best for taking photos—but their dad disrupted her protests and assured Sydney that both she and her brother would be able to sit in the front seat for the tour.

After an informative overview of the safety procedures, their tour finally started. Heart pounding in her ears, Sydney's sweaty hands automatically flew to the sides of her seat during takeoff. But once they were flying over the lush rainforest of the island, her grip loosened and complete awe replaced her fear. She snapped tons of pictures of gorgeous waterfalls cascading down emerald green cliffs. Then, the pilot took them farther inland to see Hawaii's most active volcano, Kilauea.

As they flew just above the newly formed black ribbons of hardened lava, Sydney was surprised. Though the volcano was erupting, the lava wasn't bursting up in violent displays like in the movies. Instead, the molten lava flowed slowly across the volcano and off into the distance. As the pilot flew the helicopter back along the coast, she pointed out what looked like a tower of clouds where the ocean met the shore. Sydney zoomed in with her camera, which autofocused to capture lava streams spilling lazily into the waves below. As each large glob hit the water, the lava seemed to rupture into clouds of steam.

Amazed by the beauty of the Hawaiian landscape, Sydney snapped hundreds of photos on the hour-long helicopter tour. *These views made facing my fear of heights completely worth it*, she thought to herself. As they headed back to the airport, Sydney was filled with gratitude, and she was more certain than ever that travel photography was her calling.

RUPT	AUTO
<p><u>abruptly, disrupted, erupting, rupture</u></p> <p>Possible Bonus Words: <u>interrupt, bankrupt, corrupt</u></p> <p>What does the root word RUPT mean?</p> <p><u>break or burst</u></p>	<p><u>automobile, autographed, automatically, autofocused</u></p> <p>Possible Bonus Words: <u>autobiography, autonomous, autocorrect</u></p> <p>What does the root word AUTO mean?</p> <p><u>self</u></p>

★ Bonus: Think of other words that contain the roots RUPT and AUTO. Add them to the chart.