

UNIT 4: AROUND WE GO



Root Word	Meaning	Origin
cycl	circle	Greek
circ/circum	around	Latin
centr/center	middle	Greek



cycle

(n) - a set of events or actions that happen again and again in the same order; a repeating series of events or actions

*The water **cycle** consists of evaporation, condensation, precipitation, collection, and then back to evaporation.*

cyclical

(adj) - happening again and again in the same order; happening in cycles

*The seasons of Earth change in a **cyclical** manner.*

cyclone

(n) - an extremely large, powerful, and destructive storm with very high winds that turn around in an area of low pressure

*The spinning **cyclone** ripped trees right out of the ground.*

circumference

(n) - the length of a line that goes around a circle or other round shape

In math we learned the formula for finding the distance around, or circumference, of a circle.

circuit

(n) - the complete path that an electric current travels along

*In science we studied how electricity travels around in a **circuit** to power a light bulb.*

circumstance

(n) - a condition that surrounds or causes an event to happen

*A number of **circumstances** (broken alarm clock, traffic, and illness) caused me to be late to work today.*

circumvent

(v) - to get around something in a clever and sometimes dishonest way

*He tried to **circumvent** the password screen in order to gain access to her computer.*

central

(adj) - located in the center of a thing or place

*The new park should be in a **central** location convenient to everyone.*

concentric

(adj) - when two or more objects share the same center point

*You can use your compass to draw **concentric** circles.*

eccentric

(adj) - tending to act in strange or unusual ways

*Jamie definitely had an **eccentric** sense of style; she wore clothes and hairstyles that no one had ever seen before.*