**English 9 – Root Word Vocabulary, #1: contra, counter – against**

Part One: Study the definitions for each of the following words and write a sentence that demonstrates your understanding of the word.

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| counterclaim | noun | a charge by the defendant in a lawsuit against the plaintiff; the opposite position from the argument that you are primarily making |
| sentence:  |
| contraband | noun | goods that are traded illegally |
| sentence:  |
| counterintuitive | adj | going against someone’s better judgment |
| sentence:  |
| contraindication | noun | a reason against prescribing a medical drug or treatment |
| sentence:  |
| counterfeit | noun or adj | an imitation that is not genuine |
| sentence:  |

Part Two: Select four additional and challenging words that include this root. Write the words, parts of speech, definitions, and sentences in the chart below.

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