A Monster Calls:

Onomatopoeias and Roots and Affixes

(From “The Second Tale” - “I No Longer See You”)

**Onomatopoeias** - Words that *sound like* what *they mean*

Circle, highlight, or underline the onomatopoeias found in the following passages from A Monster Calls. Only one is required for each passage, but some may have more.

1. “The only thing left standing was the display cabinet, through its glass doors were smashed and everything inside hurled to the floor.”
2. “And she grabbed it by one side -

And pulled on it hard once -

Twice -

And a third time.

Sending it crashing to the floor with a final-sounding crunch.”

1. “And so he waited by himself, leaning against a stone wall away from the other kids as the squealed and laughed and looked at their phones as if nothing in the world was wrong, as if nothing in the whole entire universe could ever happen to them.”
2. “‘Conor O’Malley,’ Harry said, stopping a pace away from him. Sully and Anton hung back, sniggering.”
3. “It placed its entire great weight on top of his grandma’s office. Conor could hear the wood groan and saw the roof sag.”

**Roots and Affixes -** root words, prefixes, and suffixes (affixes are prefixes and suffixes)

Using your knowledge of root words, prefixes, and suffixes, (and the word bank provided on the next page) decode the following bolded and underlined words found in passages from A Monster Calls. Although you may know some words, find their meaning by combining the roots and affixes. Example: “Demo” - means people, “-cracy” means government, or rule of. Therefore, the meaning of Democracy would be “Government, or rule of the people” or “People government, or People rule.”

1. “He was yelling as he did it, so loud he couldn’t hear himself think, disappearing into the frenzy of **destruction**, just mindlessly smashing and smashing and smashing.”

**Meaning:**

1. “*The villagers only ever called him the* ***Apothecary****.”*

**Meaning:**

1. “*Of herbs and barks, of* ***concoctions*** *brewed from berries and leaves.*”

**Meaning:**

1. “Conor screamed until he was hoarse, smashed until his arms were sore, roared until he was nearly falling down with **exhaustion**.”

**Meaning:**

1. “Conor took another **microscopic** bite.”

**Meaning:**

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| **Prefix** | **Root** | **Suffix** |
| “De-” = undo | “Structure” = something formed and built | “-tion” = denotes a noun |
| “Apo-” = away from | “Theca” = Storeroom, case, box,storage | “-ry” = someone who, or something that does it |
| “Con-” = with, together | “Coct” = boil, or cook |  |
| “Ex-” = Out | “Haust” = Draw (water), drain |  |
| “Micro-” = extremely small | “Scope” = used to see something | “-ic” = generally used as an adjective ending |