

Roots That Fit

Use word parts and context to test meaning.

12.L.V.2.c "Construct words based on Greek and Latin roots, root words, and/or affixes and use those words appropriately in context. (C)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

FITS THE CONTEXT

The word's Greek or Latin parts point to a meaning that makes sense in the sentence.

The painter created a monochrome poster using only blue shades.

DOES NOT FIT

The word's parts point to a meaning that clashes with the sentence.

The swimmer was called aquaphobic because she eagerly spent every afternoon in the pool.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle FITS or MISMATCH, then choose two sentences and explain how the word parts and context helped you decide.

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| 1. | 1. The committee reached a unanimous decision, with every member voting the same way. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 2. | 2. The microscope made the tiny cells visible. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 3. | 3. Because the trail was steep, the hikers moved at a sedentary pace. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 4. | 4. The diplomat spoke through a bilingual interpreter who knew Arabic and French. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 5. | 5. The editor asked for a verbose headline because the page had very little space. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 6. | 6. The marine biologist studied terrestrial creatures that lived only in the deep ocean. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 7. | 7. After the storm, the town needed to reconstruct the damaged bridge. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISMATCH |
| 8. | 8. The doctor monitored the patient's tachycardia, an unusually rapid heartbeat. | ☐ FITS | ☐ MISMATCH |

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence for FITS and one new sentence for MISMATCH. In each sentence, box a different word built from Greek or Latin roots or affixes.

FITS

MISMATCH

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence mini-scenario that uses one Greek- or Latin-based word correctly and a different one incorrectly. Box both words, then write the meaning of one root or affix in each word.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. The committee reached a unanimous decision, with every member voting the same way.	FITS	Unanimous means sharing one opinion or agreement, so it fits the context.
2	2. The microscope made the tiny cells visible.	FITS	Micro means small and scope relates to viewing, so microscope fits.
3	3. Because the trail was steep, the hikers moved at a sedentary pace.	MISMATCH	Sedentary means sitting or inactive, which clashes with hiking on a steep trail.
4	4. The diplomat spoke through a bilingual interpreter who knew Arabic and French.	FITS	Bi means two and lingual relates to language, so bilingual fits a person who knows two languages.
5	5. The editor asked for a verbose headline because the page had very little space.	MISMATCH	Verbose means using too many words, which clashes with limited space.
6	6. The marine biologist studied terrestrial creatures that lived only in the deep ocean.	MISMATCH	Terrestrial means relating to land, not deep ocean life.
7	7. After the storm, the town needed to reconstruct the damaged bridge.	FITS	Re means again and construct means build, so reconstruct means build again.
8	8. The doctor monitored the patient's tachycardia, an unusually rapid heartbeat.	FITS	Tachy means fast and cardia relates to the heart, so tachycardia fits a rapid heartbeat.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **FITS:** The announcement was [audible] to everyone in the auditorium.
- **MISMATCH:** The alarm was [inaudible], so every neighbor heard it clearly.

Challenge: The curator organized the artifacts in [chronological] order, from earliest to latest. The chef chose a [portable] stove because it was too heavy to move. chrono- means time; port means carry.

Answers: 1 FITS, 2 FITS, 3 MISMATCH, 4 FITS, 5 MISMATCH, 6 MISMATCH, 7 FITS, 8 FITS. For Part 2, accept explanations that connect a word part to its meaning and explain whether that meaning matches the context.