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	DOES NOT FIT
The word's Greek or Latin parts point to a meaning that makes sense in the sentence.	The word's parts point to a meaning that clashes with the sentence.
The painter created a monochrome poster using only blue shades.	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.

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

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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.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
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	The microscope made the tiny cells visible.	**FITS**	Micro means small and scope relates to viewing, so microscope fits.
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	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	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	The marine biologist studied terrestrial creatures that lived only in the deep ocean.	**MISMATCH**	Terrestrial means relating to land, not deep ocean life.
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	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: 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.