

Root Source Sort

Use Greek and Latin word parts to uncover meaning.

7.L.V.2.a “Deconstruct words using etymology knowledge, Greek and Latin roots, root words, and/or affixes to determine or clarify meaning in grade-level texts. (I)”

NAME _____

DATE _____

GREEK ROOTS

These words use important parts that came from Greek. Use those parts to uncover the word's meaning.

thermometer: therm means heat, and meter means measure.

LATIN ROOTS

These words use important parts that came from Latin. Use those parts to uncover the word's meaning.

submerge: sub means under, and merg means dip.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

SORT: Circle GREEK or LATIN for each word; **PROVE IT:** choose two words, name a meaningful part in each, and explain how it helped you determine the meaning.

1. biology

GREEK

LATIN

2. microscope

GREEK

LATIN

3. transport

GREEK

LATIN

4. audience

GREEK

LATIN

5. predict

GREEK

LATIN

6. geology

GREEK

LATIN

7. autograph

GREEK

LATIN

8. manual

GREEK

LATIN

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

MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new word with Greek roots and one new word with Latin roots.

GREEK _____

LATIN _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one new Greek-root word and one new Latin-root word. Break each word into meaningful parts and write a definition for each word.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	biology	GREEK	Greek bios means life, and logia means study.
2	microscope	GREEK	Greek micro means small, and scope means look or observe.
3	transport	LATIN	Latin trans means across, and portare means carry.
4	audience	LATIN	It comes from Latin audire, meaning to hear.
5	predict	LATIN	Latin pre means before, and dicere means say.
6	geology	GREEK	Greek geo means earth, and logia means study.
7	autograph	GREEK	Greek auto means self, and graphein means write.
8	manual	LATIN	It comes from Latin manus, meaning hand.

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)

- **GREEK:** photograph
- **LATIN:** submarine

Challenge: Hydrology: hydr means water and logy means study, so hydrology is the study of water. Circumnavigate: circum means around and navig means sail, so circumnavigate means travel around something.

For PROVE IT, accept explanations that correctly identify a Greek or Latin part and connect it to the word's meaning. Students may use different accurate word parts when explaining a word.