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** _____

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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.

ANSWER KEY # Root Source Sort

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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.

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