# Root Clue Check

Does the meaning fit the root?

**L.7.4.b** "Use Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word."

NAME _____ DATE _____

**MEANING FITS**

A root carries a clue to a word's meaning. Choose MATCH when the proposed meaning fits that clue.

solar (sol = sun): relating to the sun

**MEANING DOES NOT FIT**

Choose MISMATCH when the proposed meaning goes against the root's clue.

pedal (ped = foot): a tool for studying stars

## 1 SORT

8 items

Circle MATCH or MISMATCH for each proposed meaning, then choose two items and explain how each root helped you decide.

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|---|---|---|---|
| **1.** | 1. biography (bio = life): a written account of a person's life | MATCH | MISMATCH |
| **2.** | 2. transport (port = carry): to carry something from one place to another | MATCH | MISMATCH |
| **3.** | 3. telephone (tele = far): a device used to measure temperature | MATCH | MISMATCH |
| **4.** | 4. geography (geo = earth): the study of Earth's surface | MATCH | MISMATCH |
| **5.** | 5. audible (aud = hear): easy to see | MATCH | MISMATCH |
| **6.** | 6. microscope (micro = small): a tool for measuring time | MATCH | MISMATCH |
| **7.** | 7. chronicle (chron = time): a record of events in time | MATCH | MISMATCH |
| **8.** | 8. predict (dict = say): to say what may happen before it does | MATCH | 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 word and proposed meaning that MATCH, and one that MISMATCH. Give the root and its meaning for each. Do not use a word from the sort or rule box.

**MATCH** _____

**MISMATCH** _____

**CHALLENGE**

Choose a word with a Greek or Latin root not shown on this page. Underline the root, tell what it means, and use it to explain the word's meaning.

**ANSWER KEY**

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## PART 1 · SORT

| # | ITEM | CATEGORY | WHY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1. biography (bio = life): a written account of a person's life | **MATCH** | Bio means life, and a biography tells about a life. |
| 2 | 2. transport (port = carry): to carry something from one place to another | **MATCH** | Port means carry. |
| 3 | 3. telephone (tele = far): a device used to measure temperature | **MISMATCH** | Tele means far, not temperature; a telephone carries sound across a distance. |
| 4 | 4. geography (geo = earth): the study of Earth's surface | **MATCH** | Geo means earth. |
| 5 | 5. audible (aud = hear): easy to see | **MISMATCH** | Aud means hear; audible means able to be heard. |
| 6 | 6. microscope (micro = small): a tool for measuring time | **MISMATCH** | Micro means small; a microscope helps people see small things. |
| 7 | 7. chronicle (chron = time): a record of events in time | **MATCH** | Chron means time. |
| 8 | 8. predict (dict = say): to say what may happen before it does | **MATCH** | Dict means say. |

## 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)

- **MATCH**: luminous (lumin = light): giving off light
- **MISMATCH**: century (cent = hundred): a period of ten years

**Challenge:** hydration: Hydr means water, so hydration is the process of supplying water to something.

For Part 2, accept explanations that connect the given root to the proposed meaning and reach the correct decision. For Part 3, check both the root meaning and whether the proposed word meaning fits it.