

Root Clue Sort

Follow the root to sort each word.

6L4.b "Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., audience, auditory, audible)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

WRITING OR RECORDING CLUE

Words in this group have *graph* or *graphy*, a root that means write or record.

A **monograph** is a detailed written study of one subject.

LOOKING OR SEEING CLUE

Words in this group have *scope*, a root that means look or see.

An **endoscope** lets a doctor look inside the body.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For Part 1, circle WRITE or LOOK for each word, then for Part 2, choose two items and explain which root gave you the clue.

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| 1. 1. autograph | <input type="button" value="WRITE"/> | <input type="button" value="LOOK"/> |
| 2. 2. biography | <input type="button" value="WRITE"/> | <input type="button" value="LOOK"/> |
| 3. 3. telescope | <input type="button" value="WRITE"/> | <input type="button" value="LOOK"/> |
| 4. 4. paragraph | <input type="button" value="WRITE"/> | <input type="button" value="LOOK"/> |
| 5. 5. microscope | <input type="button" value="WRITE"/> | <input type="button" value="LOOK"/> |
| 6. 6. periscope | <input type="button" value="WRITE"/> | <input type="button" value="LOOK"/> |
| 7. 7. telegraph | <input type="button" value="WRITE"/> | <input type="button" value="LOOK"/> |
| 8. 8. kaleidoscope | <input type="button" value="WRITE"/> | <input type="button" value="LOOK"/> |

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

Part 3: Write one new word with *graph* or *graphy* for WRITE and one new word with *scope* for LOOK.

WRITE

LOOK

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence using a new word with either root. Underline the root, then explain how the root gives a clue to the word's meaning.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. autograph	WRITE	The root graph means write. An autograph is a written signature.
2	2. biography	WRITE	The root graphy means writing or recording. A biography is a written account of a life.
3	3. telescope	LOOK	The root scope means look or see. A telescope is used to view faraway objects.
4	4. paragraph	WRITE	The root graph means write. A paragraph is a section of writing.
5	5. microscope	LOOK	The root scope means look or see. A microscope helps someone view tiny objects.
6	6. periscope	LOOK	The root scope means look or see. A periscope is used for viewing from a protected place.
7	7. telegraph	WRITE	The root graph means write or record. A telegraph sends written messages over distance.
8	8. kaleidoscope	LOOK	The root scope means look or see. A kaleidoscope is a tube for viewing changing patterns.

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)

- **WRITE:** calligraphy
- **LOOK:** otoscope

Challenge: The technician watched the signal on an oscilloscope. The root scope means look or see, so it clues that the tool is used for viewing.

Sort key: 1 WRITE, 2 WRITE, 3 LOOK, 4 WRITE, 5 LOOK, 6 LOOK, 7 WRITE, 8 LOOK. In Part 2, students should identify *graph* or *graphy* as a writing clue, or *scope* as a looking clue.