

Root Clue Sort

Follow Latin roots to their clues.

8L4.b "Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., precede, recede, secede)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

CARRY WORDS

These words contain the Latin root *port*, meaning "carry." Prefixes can change what, where, or how something is carried.

deport: *de-* means away, so the word suggests carrying away.

LOOK WORDS

These words contain the Latin root *spect*, meaning "look." Prefixes can change the direction or kind of looking.

retrospect: *retro-* means back, so the word suggests looking back.

1 SORT

8 items

For each word, circle CARRY or LOOK, then choose two words and explain which root gave you the clue.

1. *export*

CARRY

LOOK

2. *import*

CARRY

LOOK

3. *inspect*

CARRY

LOOK

4. *portable*

CARRY

LOOK

5. *transport*

CARRY

LOOK

6. *support*

CARRY

LOOK

7. *spectator*

CARRY

LOOK

8. *prospect*

CARRY

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

Write one new CARRY word and one new LOOK word. Underline the root in each word.

CARRY _____

LOOK _____

CHALLENGE

Invent one new word using *port* or *spect*, then define it by explaining what its prefix and root mean.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	<i>export</i>	CARRY	The root <i>port</i> means carry, and <i>ex-</i> means out.
2	<i>import</i>	CARRY	The root <i>port</i> means carry, and <i>im-</i> means in.
3	<i>inspect</i>	LOOK	The root <i>spect</i> means look, and <i>in-</i> means into.
4	<i>portable</i>	CARRY	The root <i>port</i> means carry. Portable describes something that can be carried.
5	<i>transport</i>	CARRY	The root <i>port</i> means carry, and <i>trans-</i> means across.
6	<i>support</i>	CARRY	The root <i>port</i> means carry. Support suggests carrying or holding from below.
7	<i>spectator</i>	LOOK	The root <i>spect</i> means look. A spectator is a person who watches.
8	<i>prospect</i>	LOOK	The root <i>spect</i> means look, and <i>pro-</i> means forward.

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)

- **CARRY:** *portage*
- **LOOK:** *spectacle*

Challenge: *Anteport* means to carry something before an event. *Ante-* means before, and *port* means carry.

Accept any two correct Part 2 explanations that identify *port* as carry or *spect* as look. For Part 3, accept new words that contain the correct root and are sorted correctly.