Root Route

Find the clue inside each word.

5.RF.3.b "Recognize and use common Greek and Latin roots to determine word meanings and decode unfamiliar words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

CARRY

The Latin root **port** means carry. Look for it inside a word to help you figure out the word's meaning.

Portable means easy to carry.

WRITE

The Latin roots **scrib** and **script** mean write. Look for either one inside a word to help you figure out its meaning.

Scribble means to write quickly or carelessly.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle CARRY or WRITE for each word, then choose two words and explain how their roots helped you decide.

1.	transport	CARRY	WRITE
2.	import	CARRY	WRITE
3.	export	CARRY	WRITE
4.	describe	CARRY	WRITE
5.	porter	CARRY	WRITE
6.	manuscript	CARRY	WRITE
7.	inscription	CARRY	WRITE
8.	teleport	CARRY	WRITE

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 word with port that relates to carrying and one new word with scrib or script that relates to writing.

CARRY _____

WRITE _____

CHALLENGE

What does transcript mean? Explain how its root helps you know.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	transport	**CARRY**	Port means carry; transport means to carry from one place to another.
2	import	**CARRY**	Port means carry; import means to bring goods into a country.
3	export	**CARRY**	Port means carry; export means to send goods out of a country.
4	describe	**WRITE**	Scrib means write; a description tells what something is like, often in writing.
5	porter	**CARRY**	Port means carry; a porter carries luggage.
6	manuscript	**WRITE**	Script means write; a manuscript is a written text.
7	inscription	**WRITE**	Script means write; an inscription is writing on a surface.
8	teleport	**CARRY**	Port means carry; teleport means to move something instantly from one place to another.

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
- **WRITE**: postscript

Challenge: A transcript is a written copy of spoken words. The root script means write, which helps me know a transcript contains written words.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify the root in each chosen word and connect it to the word's meaning. For Part 3, accept other words whose port, scrib, or script roots connect to carrying or writing.