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Greek and Latin roots



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I can use Greek and Latin roots to work out what a word means.

1 The rule

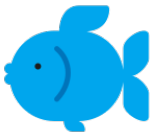
Many words come from Greek and Latin roots. Knowing a root helps you work out a word: tele means far, aqua means water, graph means write.

We used a **telescope** and a **microscope** at the science fair.

2 Look and say



telephone
tele = far



aquarium
aqua = water



geography
geo = earth



microscope
micro = small



biology
bio = life



transport
port = carry



autograph
graph = write



photograph
photo = light

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Sort the words

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🎯 **Which root does each word have? Write it in the right box.**

1 Word bank

telescope | photograph | transport | paragraph | export | telephone | microscope | microchip | autograph | microphone | portable | television

tele (far)	graph (write)	micro (small)	port (carry)
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Find it in a sentence



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🎯 **Read each sentence. Circle the word with a Greek or Latin root.**

1. We saw stars through a telescope.
2. Fish swim in the aquarium.
3. The speaker used a microphone.
4. My laptop is portable.
5. I got the author's autograph.
6. We study maps in geography.
7. Plants are part of biology.
8. We watched the game on television.

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Write it



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Use the roots. Write the word from the box that matches each meaning.

1 Word bank

telescope | microscope | aquarium | portable | autograph | biology

1. see far away = _____
2. see small things = _____
3. a water tank for fish = _____
4. can be carried = _____
5. a name you write = _____
6. the study of life = _____

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: greek and latin roots

1 Sort the words

tele (far): telephone, telescope, television
graph (write): autograph, paragraph, photograph
micro (small): microscope, microphone, microchip
port (carry): transport, portable, export

2 Find it in a sentence

1. telescope 2. aquarium 3. microphone 4. portable 5. autograph 6. geography 7. biology 8. television

3 Write it

1. telescope 2. microscope 3. aquarium 4. portable 5. autograph 6. biology

4 Teaching tip 💡

Start a root wall. Each time children meet a word with a root they know, they add it under the root. Seeing telephone, telescope and television together makes the meaning of tele stick.

Watch for: Stopping at the root. A root is a clue, not the whole meaning: telephone is far plus sound (phone), so children should put the parts together and check the meaning in the sentence.

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