

Root-Related Words

terr- (Latin root)

means "earth" or "land"

my vocabulary word:

territory

(noun) land or water under a State's control



Related words:

1. interred (verb, past tense)
placed in the earth or buried
2. terrace (noun) flat
earth with sloping sides 
3. Mediterranean (proper noun)
a sea in the middle of two
lands 
4. terrier (noun) a breed of dog
who burrows into the earth
after game 

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etymology (*noun*) — the study of words' origins, often focusing on how Greek and Latin roots contributed to modern words.

root analysis: *eteos* (Greek root, meaning '**true**') + *ology* (Greek root, meaning '**the study of**')

Related words: geology (**the study of** earth), astrology (**the study of** stars), biology (**the study of** life), entomology (**the study of** insects)

- English language was based on new words but mostly on **words that existed in other languages**
- Mostly we borrowed from **Greek** and **Latin**
- that is why so many of our words share roots
- Anytime you see **–ology** in an English word, you know it must be a word that means *the study of* something.

Here are four groups of words that are also “cousins” to each other

More Related Words:			
geology (geo = Greek for <i>earth</i>)	astrology (astro= Greek for <i>star</i>)	biology (bio= Greek for <i>life</i>)	entomology (en + tom= Greek for <i>to + cut</i>)
geography	astronomer	biopsy	It's logical to guess that <i>entom</i> meant “insect”, but Aristotle named this science after the fact that bugs are “cut” into 3 parts.
earth + writing or recording	star + arranger or regulator	life + sight	
geometry	astronaut	autobiography	anatomy
earth + measurement	star + ship's sailor	self + life + writing or recording	up + cut
geothermal	asterisk	amphibious	tracheotomy
earth + heat	star + small	of both sides + life	trachea + cut

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It's a great skill to be analyze unfamiliar words' roots.

Let's say you come across an unfamiliar word to you. Like...

triskaidekaphobia

This word means the fear of the number 13.

triangle and tricycle, both share the tri root, which must mean three.

Deka...hmmm. I know decade is ten years and a decathlon has ten events. The Greeks interchanged c's and k's.

phobia, I know, means fear because I suffer from claustrophobia.

My clues are: three + ten + fear

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- You will analyze a new word and look for any **Greek or Latin roots**
- then you will provide **three interesting related words** that contain the exact same root word somewhere in the word

WHY do this Activity?

- will teach you word analysis skills
- will teach you how to put dictionary definitions into your own words, or how to paraphrase
- will help you better understand how words are created over time

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- Good dictionaries also share the language of origin
- usually found in [brackets] right after the definition
- Often there are more modern languages cited, but you should **focus on the original Latin or Greek root and its meaning**

Example – innovative

- It is your job is to find **3** other words with the root '**nov**' in them that also have something to do with **new**.
- Just because **nov** is in a word doesn't guarantee the word is related
- you have to look for the connection to the idea of **new**.

innovative (*adjective*) — a word to describe something that has **new**, original features, or someone that shows original ideas or thinking.

[from Latin *novus*, meaning **new**.]

novice (n) a person who is **new** to a task or idea.
Related or not?

November (n) the eleventh month of the calendar.
Related or not?

renovate (vt) to improve something so that it seems **new** again. Related or not?

novella (n) a short novel. Related or not?

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Success Criteria:

- Identify the **words meaning**
- identify the **language of origin**
- Identify the **“root”** word or words
- find **3 related words** that **share the same root**, identify their **parts of speech**, and provide a **brief definition** for them in your own words
- when you paraphrase your three related words' definitions, **highlight the original word's meaning**

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Related Word Entries Rubric:

4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point
The student's related word list does all :	The related word list does three of these:	The related word list does two of these:	The related word list does one :
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Examples

malevolent (*adjective*) - having or showing a wish to do **evil or bad** to others.

noun form: *malevolence*

adverb form: *malevolently*

root analysis: from **Latin** *mal-* (meaning **bad**) and *violence* (meaning **wish**)

Related words:

malfunction – (n) a **bad** movement on something's part.

malformation – (n) an unnatural or **bad** growth on something.

malaria – (n) a **bad** sickness. Literally means *bad + air*.

Examples

peripheral (*adjective*) - describing something located on or making up the outer boundary.

noun form: *periphery*

root analysis: from **Latin** *peri-* (meaning **around**) and *pherein* (meaning **carry**)

Related words:

periscope – (noun) a special viewer that can look all the way **around**.

perimeter– (noun) the measured area **around** something.

periapt – (noun) a necklace or amulet, which fastens **around** the neck.

Examples

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