

Bases *pher, phor* and *fer, lat*

Here are some words from the Greek bases *pher, phor* which mean “bear, go.” Check the prefix box for reference.

<i>peri-</i> = “around”	<i>meta-</i> = “change, across”
<i>eu-</i> = “good, well”	<i>dys-</i> = “bad”

- The **periphery** is the outer edge that “goes around” an area.
- **Euphoria** is a state of bliss or extreme “well bearing, being.”
- **Dysphoria** is a state of misery or very “bad bearing, being.”
- A **metaphor** is a figure of speech that “bears” meaning “across” to the reader.

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Answer the following questions based on these clues.

The Greek bases *pher, phor* mean “bear, go.” The prefix *peri-* means “around.”

- What is the **periphery** of an area?
- How does a **peripheral** concern differ from a central concern?

The prefix *eu-* means “well” or “good.”

The prefix *dys-* means “bad” or “disordered.”

- What is the difference between **euphoria** and **dysphoria**?
- If a medicine had **euphoric** side effects, how would a doctor describe this to a patient?
- Which word describes a person in misery: **euphoric** or **dysphoric**?

The prefix *meta-* means “change, across.”

- Define and provide an example of a **metaphor**.

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The Latin base *fer* means “bear, carry, go.”

Match each *fer* word with the correct description below.

differ

fertile

interfere

prefer

transfer

- Never “go between” fighting dogs!
- These two things are not the same (they “go apart”).
- I do this as I change buses to “go across” town.
- I like this one more. I put or “bear” it “before” the other one.
- This rich soil “bears” a lot of crops.

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Attach the prefixes *circum-*, *con-*, *in-*, and *re-* to the base *fer* to create new words that match the following descriptions:

- the measurement that “goes or bears around” a circle
- a meeting where parents and teachers “go together”
- a conclusion you “bear or carry into” something you read or hear
- an encyclopedia you “go back” to and consult for information

Bases *pher, phor* and *fer, lat*

The Latin base *lat* ("bear, carry, go") appears in these words beginning with prefixes.

Match each word with its meaning.

collate **elated**

relative **translation**

- to assemble pages in numerical order
- exhilarated and happy
- someone whose ancestors go back to your own ancestors
- a version of a text that has been changed into another language

How does each of these words mean "bear, carry, go"?

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The bases *fer, lat* mean “bear, carry, go.”

Fill in each blank with a form of “bear,” “carry,” or “go.”

- **Fertile** soil “_____” abundant crops.
- When my teacher **confers** with the principal, they “_____ together” and talk.
- In biology, the words **fertile** and **fertility** refer to a woman’s ability to “_____” and “_____” children.
- When we **suffer**, we “_____” up under grief or pressing pain.
- A **circumference** “_____ around” the entire circle.
- When we **interfere**, we “_____ between” the people involved, although we were not invited.
- We “_____” our separate ways when we have a **difference** of opinion.

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The two Latin bases *fer* and *lat* combine with prefixes to form words (some prefixes assimilate).

Work with a partner to explain what these words mean. How might you use them in context? Use the Prefixes box below for help.

Prefix:	<i>fer</i> word:	<i>lat</i> word:
<i>con-</i>	confer	collate
<i>dif-</i>	differ	dilate
<i>re-</i>	refer	relate
<i>trans-</i>	transfer	translate

Prefixes:

con- = "with, together, very"

dif- = "apart, in different directions, not"

re- = "back, again"

trans- = "across, change"