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Many words consist of one or more **Greek** or **Latin root**. For example, the Greek root **tele** means **far**. When it is combined with **vis**, the Latin root for **see**, we get **television**. Fill in the blanks below to learn the meaning of more roots.

1. Telephones allow us to hear sounds from far away. **Tele** means \_\_\_\_\_, and **phone** comes from the Greek word meaning \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Ped** is a root word meaning foot. Therefore; a **pedestrian** is a person who travels by \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **Graph** comes from the Greek word meaning to write, and **auto** is the root word for self. Thus, an **autograph** is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. **Geo** is the Greek root for Earth. **Geography**, then, is writing or drawing about the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. **Bio** is the root word meaning life. When someone writes an **autobiography**, he or she writes about \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A **biographer** writes about \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The word **pedometer** combines the root **ped** with **meter**, a root meaning measurement. A **pedometer** is an instrument for \_\_\_\_\_ the distance someone travels by \_\_\_\_\_.
8. **Logy** is a Greek root for study. When combined with the root **graph**, we get **graphology** or the study of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. **Biology** is the study of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. **Geology** is the study of \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Writing that comes from far away is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Combine the root word for sound and the root for write. The machine we use to play records is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Add new words to your vocabulary by understanding these Greek or Latin roots.

1. **Magna** or **magni** is the Latin root for great. **Magnificent** is an adjective that means excellent or great.
2. **Aqua** is the Latin word meaning water. An **aquarium** is a place for keeping water plants and **aquatic** animals.
3. **Flor** is the Latin root for flower. A **florist** sells or grows flowers for a living.
4. **Dict** is the Latin root meaning to speak. **Diction** means the manner in which words are spoken.
5. **Micro** comes from the Greek word *mikros*, meaning tiny or small. A **microscope** is an instrument that allows us to see very small things.

Use a dictionary to find two words formed from each of the above roots. Write words and their definitions in the blanks below.

root	dictionary word	definition
1. magna or magni	(a) _____	(a) _____
	(b) _____	(b) _____
2. aqua	(a) _____	(a) _____
	(b) _____	(b) _____
3. flor	(a) _____	(a) _____
	(b) _____	(b) _____
4. dict	(a) _____	(a) _____
	(b) _____	(b) _____
5. micro	(a) _____	(a) _____
	(b) _____	(b) _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

	aqua, aque	water
aqualung	breathing equipment for underwater swimming or diving	
aquamarine	a bluish sea-green color	
aquaplane	a wide board that is towed by a motorboat, like a single water ski	
aquarium	an artificial pond or tank of water where live water animals and water plants are kept; a building where such collections are exhibited	
aquatic	growing or living in water	
aqueduct	a channel that carries large amounts of water	

Divide the following words into parts so that **aqua (or aque)** is separate.

**Example:**

aqua

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1. aquamarine

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. aqualung

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. aquaplane

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4. aqueduct

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Complete each sentence using a word from the word box.

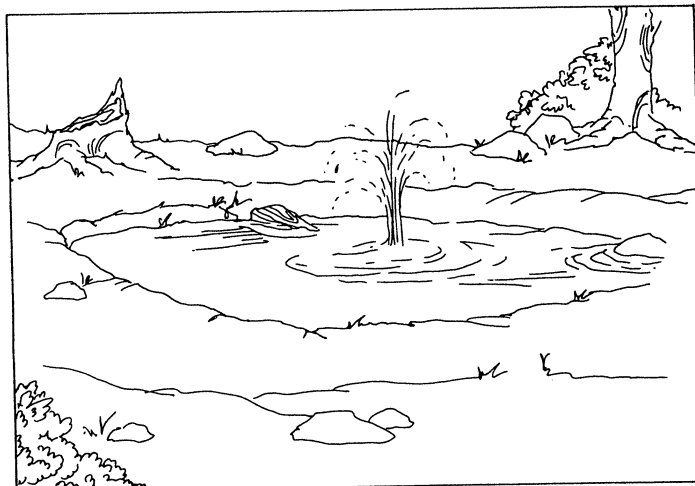
1. To go scuba diving, you need to wear an \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The children bought a variety of fish for the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Seaweed is an \_\_\_\_\_ plant.

4. The Romans used an \_\_\_\_\_ to transport water from one place to another.

5. Susan liked to waterski, but her brother John preferred to use an \_\_\_\_\_.

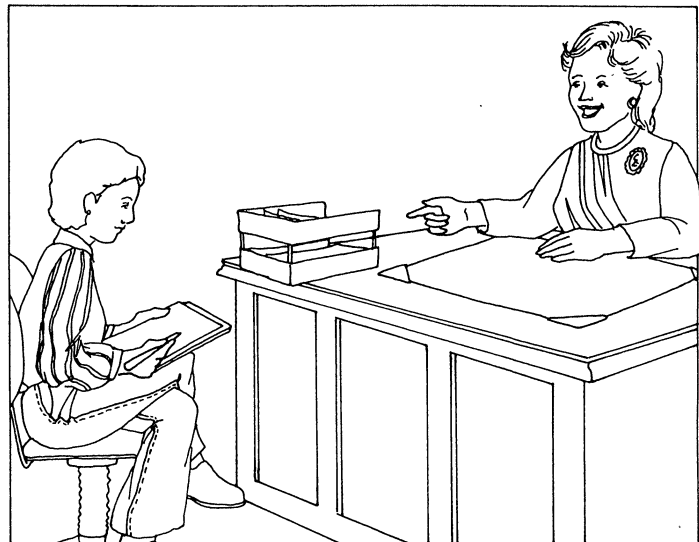


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	<b>dict</b>	<b>to say</b>
dictate	to say something aloud that will be written or recorded by another; to command or order	
dictator	a ruler with unlimited power	
diction	a style of speaking; the degree of preciseness or clarity in speech	
predict	to foretell or say ahead of time that something will happen	
verdict	a judgment or decision, especially that of a jury in a court case	

Circle the root that means **to say** in the following words.

1. diction
2. predict
3. dictator
4. verdict



Complete each sentence using a word from the word box.

1. The foreman of the jury announced the \_\_\_\_\_: not guilty.
2. The actor was very careful of his \_\_\_\_\_ during the audition.
3. The manager will \_\_\_\_\_ the new rules to the employees.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ that my little brother will have a dent in his new bike before the end of the week.

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	spec	to see, to look at
aspect	the look or appearance of anything	
introspective	examining one's own thoughts and feelings	
specimen	a single part or thing used as a sample or example of a whole group	
spectacle	anything viewed or seen; a public performance	
spectator	a person who watches an event	
spectrum	the range of colors visible to the human eye; a continuous range or entire extent	

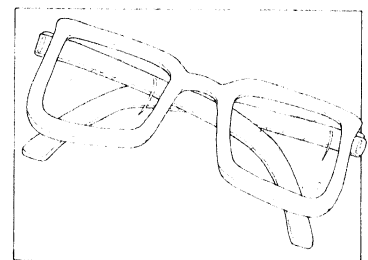
Unscramble these words. Write the correct word next to its meaning.

**calcepest    casttrope    pacset    victorinestep    mesnepic**

1. the way a person or a thing looks \_\_\_\_\_
2. a typical part or example \_\_\_\_\_
3. looking into one's own mind and feelings \_\_\_\_\_
4. something to look at \_\_\_\_\_
5. an onlooker \_\_\_\_\_

Complete each sentence using a word from the word box.

1. The circus advertised itself as the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
2. No one realized he was ever \_\_\_\_\_, because he always seemed so self-confident.
3. The investigator asked for a \_\_\_\_\_ of everyone's handwriting.
4. You can find the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of types in our school—from preppie to punk.
5. In bruising games like football and soccer, I'd rather be a \_\_\_\_\_ than a participant.
6. Elsie's whole \_\_\_\_\_ reflected what an absolutely terrible week it had been.



Answer the questions below.

What is a spectator sport? \_\_\_\_\_

List four spectator sports. \_\_\_\_\_