

Greek and Latin History

Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes



Defining the terms



- A **word root** is a part of a word. It contains the core meaning of the word.
- A **prefix** is also a word part that cannot stand alone. It is placed at the beginning of a word to change its meaning.
- A **suffix** is a word part that is placed at the end of a word to change its meaning.

Word Root Examples



- **Interminable**
- **Decongested**
- **Geography**

Prefixes



- **I**nterminable
- **D**econgested
- **G**eography

Suffixes

- Intermin**able**
- Decongest**ed**
- Geograph**y**



Dissecting (pull apart) Terms

- Lets dissect the words.

WORDS	PREFIX	AFFIX/ROOT	SUFFIX	MEANING
INCOGNITO	IN (not)	COGNITO (Know)	X	One's identity that is not revealed.
GEOGRAPHY	GEO (earth)	GRAPHY (Writing, written or recording)	X	The study of earth's features
CHRONOLOGY	X	CHRON (Time)	OLOGY (the study of)	The study of time

Assignment

You will be assigned five words that are either a prefix, root, or suffix. You will need to write down two words for each. Your five words will be the following:

Ms. Wright's Group: path, per, phon, spec, ped

Group 1: auto, biblio, bio, con, di

Group 2: ast, dis, en, ex, flect

Group 3: form, geo, gram, hyper, hypo

Group 4: intro, ism, ity, ject, term

Within your groups, you will dissect the six of the words that you have written down on your chart.

When we present everyone should add the words that are presented to them on the chart paper.

Complete Practice
Vocabulary Sheet.

Ms. Wright

- Path: pathway, telepath
- Per: perspective, permit
- Phon: phonics, cellphone
- Spec: spectator, inspect
- Ped: pedicure, biped

Dissecting my words

Word	Prefix	Affix/Root	Suffix	Meaning
perspective	Per (through)	Spec (see)	tive	To see through
Telepath	Tele	Path	X	a far away feeling

Dissecting Chart



WORD	PREFIX	AFFIX/ROOT	SUFFIX	MEANING
Previewed	pre (before)	view (to see)	ed (past tense)	to have seen before
Telephone	Tele- far away	Phon (sound)	X	an object that you use to hear far away sounds.

Exit Ticket



- On a separate sheet of paper. Determine the meaning of the following words. You will need to show your work and turn you paper in before you walk out of the door.
 - Autobiography
 - Dermatologists