

Greek and Latin Roots

What is a root word?

A root word is a basic word with no prefix or suffix added to it. Usually a Greek or Latin root cannot stand alone and must have a prefix or suffix added to it.

Routine:

- 1) Introduce the root
- 2) Pronounce & define it
- 3) Give examples
- 4) Connect the meaning of the root to the meaning of the word

Example:

- 1) "This is the latin root *spect* "
- 2) "*Spect* means to see, observe, or watch over"
- 3) Example of words we can build from spect are respect, inspect, spectator, perspective
- 4) "Let's connect the meaning of the word inspecting to the root word "spect." The word inspecting means to look at something closely. The prefix "in" means in, "spect" means to observe and "ing" is the action or result. This summer I went to Fossil Beach and while inspecting the cliff wall, I found lots of different fossils.

Activities:

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