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Etymology - Year 6

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DIGGING UP ROOT MEANINGS — PAGE 1

Study each word family. Underline the shared root, then infer its meaning.



MODEL

tele — telephone, telescope — likely meaning: far or distant

ROOT	WORD FAMILY	INFERRED MEANING
bio	biology, biography	_____
chrono	chronology, chronicle	_____
geo	geography, geology	_____
hydr	hydrate, hydraulic	_____
micro	microscope, microorganism	_____
photo	photograph, photosynthesis	_____
dict	predict, dictionary	_____
port	transport, portable	_____
spect	inspect, spectator	_____
rupt	erupt, rupture	_____

ROOT REASONING

Choose one row. Explain which parts of the example words helped you infer the root meaning.

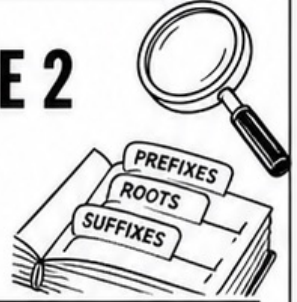


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DIGGING UP ROOT MEANINGS — PAGE 2

Use a familiar root and the sentence context to infer each bold word's likely meaning.



- 1** The scientist placed the tiny organism under a **microscope**.

Root clue: _____

Likely meaning: _____

- 2** The class arranged the events in **chronological** order.

Root clue: _____

Likely meaning: _____

- 3** The guide **inspected** every bridge before the hike.

Root clue: _____

Likely meaning: _____

- 4** The emergency kit was **portable** enough to carry.

Root clue: _____

Likely meaning: _____

- 5** The volcano **erupted**. Temples are built underground.

Root clue: _____

Likely meaning: _____

- 6** The jury announced a **verdict** after hearing the evidence.

Root clue: _____

Likely meaning: _____

CHALLENGE — EXPLAIN YOUR REASONING

- A.** A **cartographer** created a detailed map of the coastline. What root do you notice, and what might **cartographer** mean?

- B.** A **benevolent** donor supported the community library. What root do you notice, and what might **benevolent** mean?

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ADDING AFFIXES IN CONTEXT – PAGE 1



Combine each affix and base. Write the completed word, then explain how the affix changes the meaning.

AFFIX	BASE	COMPLETED WORD	CHANGE IN MEANING
re-	construct	_____	_____ _____
un-	reliable	_____	_____ _____
dis-	connect	_____	_____ _____
pre-	heat	_____	_____ _____
-less	care	_____	_____ _____
-ment	develo	_____	_____ _____
-able	read	_____	_____ _____
-ive	create	_____	_____ _____



USE IT PRECISELY

Choose two completed words. Write one clear sentence for each.

1. _____

2. _____
