

Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

- Our language had evolved over thousands of years to become what we use today (and it is still growing and changing all the time). Over all those years, the English language we use now has borrowed words from lots of other languages—some still spoken and some long ago left behind. It is what makes our language so rich and descriptive and why we have so many words for the same thing. For example, 'enormous' comes originally from Latin, 'huge' is from French and 'giant' is originally Greek.
- Understanding a little about how words are created can help us with understanding new words and also with our spelling. We are going to explore root words to help us with this.
- Root words are the very basic parts of words, the bit that we add prefixes and suffixes to in order to make complete words with different meanings, for example 'chron' means time (from Greek) and then by adding other endings, you get different words—chronic means something lasting a long time, chronological means putting something in order of when it happened.
- In order to understand which words are created from the same root, you need to understand what the root word means because some words contain the same patterns but are not related to the original root.
- For example, the root word 'bi' comes from the Latin meaning for twice or two.
- If you know this, you can look up words that contain the root 'bi' - you will need to use a computer for this).
- Look at the words that include the root word 'bi' and think about which ones are related to the meaning—this requires using your HOT skills to evaluate the evidence you have in the meanings you have found. You need to understand the meanings of the new words to ensure they have the root you are investigating.
- e.g. bicycle—a cycle with two wheels
biplane—a plane with two sets of wings
biannual— something that happens twice a year
biology—the scientific study of life
- All these words contain 'bi' but only the top three are related to the correct root word 'bi' meaning two or twice, ('bio' comes from Greek and means life!).
- Your task: Use the prompt cards in this pack to explore root words. Before using a computer to look up the words that contain the given roots, try to think of any that you already know. Saying the word aloud can get you thinking about what words you already know! Then use a computer to ask 'what words use the root ...'. Explore what you find, make a list of new words and definitions that you may use in future.

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root word : auto

meaning : self, same, one

from : Greek

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root word : ami

meaning : love

from : Latin

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root word : cert

meaning : sure

from : Latin

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root word : com

meaning : together

from : Latin

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root word : chron

meaning : time

from : Greek

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root word : agro or agri

meaning : farming

from : Latin and Greek

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root word : ambi

meaning : both

from : Latin

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root word : cycl

meaning : circle, ring

from : Greek

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root word : dict

meaning : speak

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : inter

meaning : between, among

from : Latin

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root word : flect

meaning : bend

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : graph

meaning : writing, recording

from : Greek

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root word : rupt

meaning : break, burst

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : put

meaning : think

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : vac

meaning : empty

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : equ or equi

meaning : equal, equally

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : memor

meaning : remember

from : Latin

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root word : sta

meaning : stand

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : stell

meaning : star

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : tele or telo

meaning : far, distant

from : Greek

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : pop

meaning : people

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : lab

meaning : work

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : temp

meaning : time

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : pan

meaning : all, any, everyone

from : Greek

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : log or logo

meaning : word, learning

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : magna or magni

meaning : great, large

from : Latin

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root word : loc

meaning : place

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : mal

meaning : bad, ill, wrong

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : bene

meaning : good, well

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : bio

meaning : life, living things

from : Greek

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root word : cand

meaning : glowing

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : clam or claim

meaning : shout, speak out

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : dem or demo

meaning : people

from : Greek

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : dent or dont

meaning : teeth

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : fact

meaning : make, do

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : flect

meaning : bend

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : form

meaning : shape

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : fus

meaning : pour

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : gram

meaning : letter, written

from : Greek

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : hydr or hydro

meaning : liquid, water

from : Greek

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root word : hyper

meaning : too much, over

from : Latin and Greek

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : hypo

meaning : under

from : Greek

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : ject

meaning : throw

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : jud

meaning : law

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : liber

meaning : free

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : mand

meaning : to order

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : medi

meaning : middle

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : mob

meaning : move

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : mort

meaning : death

from : Latin

SC: I can identify words made from a given root word

Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : not

meaning : to mark

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : opt or ops

meaning : eye, visual

from : Greek

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : ped

meaning : foot, feet

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : phon

meaning : sound

from : Greek

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : photo

meaning : light

from : Greek

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : poli

meaning : city

from : Greek

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : port

meaning : carry

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : rupt

meaning : break, burst

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : san

meaning : health

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : scrib

meaning : write, written

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : serv

meaning : save, keep

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : sol

meaning : alone

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : sol

meaning : sun

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : son

meaning : sound

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : struct

meaning : build

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : therm

meaning : heat

from : Greek

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : tract

meaning : pull, drag

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : trans

meaning : across, beyond

from : Latin

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Spelling LI: To understand how words are created

root word : voc

meaning : voice, call

from : Latin

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