

Vocabulary Mastery: Greek and Latin Roots

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Understanding Word Structure

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about word roots, prefixes, and suffixes.

1. What is the core meaning of a word called?

- A. Prefix
- B. Suffix
- C. Root

2. Why is it important to understand word roots?

3. A ___ is added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning.

4. Suffixes can change a word's grammatical function.

- True False

5. Which of the following is an example of a word root?

- A. Un-
- B. Happy
- C. -ness

6. How can knowing prefixes and suffixes help you when reading challenging texts?

7. The study of word structure is called ___.

8. Roots do not contribute to the meaning of a word.

- True False

9. What is an example of a word that uses the root 'graph'?

- A. Photograph
- B. Unhappy
- C. Kindness

10. What was the most interesting word root you discovered today? Explain why it stood out to you.

Answer Key

1. Root 2. Understanding word roots helps us figure out the meanings of new words and improves our vocabulary. 3. prefix 4. True 5. Happy 6. Knowing prefixes and suffixes allows me to break down complex words into smaller parts, making it easier to understand their meanings. 7. morphology 8. False 9. Photograph 10. I found the root 'bio', which means life, interesting because it appears in many words like biology and biography. It shows how life is connected to many different topics.