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Word Origins

Focus

Recognizing and understanding **word origins** can help you understand new and unfamiliar words. For example, take the word *microscopic*. It contains the Greek root *scop*. This root means “to look at.” The prefix *micro-* means “very small.” Thus, *microscopic* means “too small to be seen.”

Practice

Each group of words below has the same word origins. Choose the word from the box that originates from the same word, and write it on the line. Then, write the root word that each group shares.

insensitive	hydrogen	scribbling	geometry	rupture
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1. metric; speedometer; perimeter _____

Greek root = _____

2. abrupt; interrupt; corrupt _____

Latin root = _____

3. describe; subscribe; transcribe _____

Latin root = _____

4. sensory; sensible; sensation _____

Latin root = _____

5. hydrant; dehydrated; hydroelectric _____

Greek root = _____