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# Spelling

## Focus

• **Root words** are words that cannot stand alone when all affixes are removed. Most root words come from words in other languages, such as Greek and Latin. Understanding and identifying root words can help you spell many new and unfamiliar words. Here are some roots in the spelling words and their meanings:

**bio** = life; **graph** = write; **sphere** = globe; **dem** = people; **crat** = person of power; ruler; **cracy** = form of government; **auto** = self; **aristo** = best; **ologist** = one who practices the study or science of

• A prefix changes the meaning of the base word it precedes. The prefix **im-** usually means “not.” When it is added to a base or root word it usually forms an antonym.

## Practice

<b>biologist</b>	<b>biosphere</b>	<b>biorhythm</b>	<b>aristocrat</b>	<b>autocratic</b>
<b>impatient</b>	<b>immature</b>	<b>impartial</b>	<b>impassable</b>	<b>impermanent</b>

Write the *antonym* of each word below using a word from the box.

1. passable \_\_\_\_\_

4. permanent \_\_\_\_\_

2. partial \_\_\_\_\_

5. mature \_\_\_\_\_

3. patient \_\_\_\_\_

Write the word from the box that is in the same word family as each word below.

6. aristocracy \_\_\_\_\_

7. autocrat \_\_\_\_\_

8. biological \_\_\_\_\_

9. rhythmic \_\_\_\_\_

10. spherical \_\_\_\_\_