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Spelling

Focus

- Understanding and identifying **Greek roots** and their meanings can help you spell difficult and unfamiliar words. Here are some of the Greek roots in the spelling words and their meanings:

naut = ship or sailor; **cosm** = universe; **ast** = star; **geo** = earth; **ology** = study or science of; **meter** or **metry** = measure; **graph** = write; **therm** = heat
Remember that the suffixes *-ic* and *-al* mean “relating to.”

- Irregular verbs** do not become past tense by adding the inflectional ending *-ed*. Instead, they change to a different form of the word.
The past tense of *forgive*, for example, is *forgave*.

Practice

teach
cosmonaut

taught
nautilus

forgive
geological

forgiven
forgave

Circle the correctly spelled word in each pair below. Then, write the correct spelling on the line.

- Can you (forgave, forgive) me for breaking your window? _____
- Dad (taught, teach) me how to throw a baseball last weekend. _____
- I hope that you have (forgive, forgiven) your brother by now. _____
- I can (taught, teach) you how to play the piano. _____
- Macy (forgiven, forgave) Anna for leaving her behind. _____

Circle the word in parentheses that is spelled correctly. Then, write the word on the line.

- Jacqui found a (nahtulus, nautilus) shell on the beach during her vacation.

- The (cosmonaut, kozmonot) was nervous before his first space flight. _____
- A cavern is a (jeeolojikal, geological) formation. _____