



## Understanding Greek and Latin Roots

### Today's Standard

5.L.4b - Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., photograph, photosynthesis).

Cues	Notes
What are Greek and Latin roots?	Greek and Latin roots are the basic parts of many English words.
How do roots help us understand words?	Roots give clues to the meaning of a word.
What are common prefixes and suffixes?	Prefixes and suffixes modify the meaning of the root.
Why is context important?	Context helps determine the exact meaning of a word.
Examples of Greek and Latin roots	Examples: 'photo' means light, 'graph' means to write.

### Summary

Understanding Greek and Latin roots helps students decode the meanings of unfamiliar words by providing clues based on the root meanings. Context clues are also important for full comprehension.