



Understanding Greek and Latin Roots

Today's Standard

7.L.4b - Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., belligerent, bellicose, rebel).

Cues	Notes
What are Greek and Latin roots?	Greek and Latin roots are the base parts of words from which many English words are derived.
Why are roots important?	Roots help in understanding the meaning of new words by providing a clue to their definitions.
How can roots help in understanding new words?	By knowing common roots, students can decode unfamiliar words and expand their vocabulary.
Examples of common Greek and Latin roots	Examples: 'bell' means war (belligerent, bellicose), 'aqua' means water (aquarium, aquatic).
Common misconceptions about roots	Misconception: All words with the same root have the same meaning. Reality: Context and additional word parts influence meaning.

Summary

Understanding Greek and Latin roots helps students decode new words, enhancing vocabulary and comprehension. Common misconceptions include overgeneralizing root meanings and relying solely on roots without context.