



### Understanding Greek and Latin Roots

#### Today's Standard

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

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Deciphering unfamiliar words in reading passages; Enhancing vocabulary through root analysis; Improving spelling by recognizing root patterns; Understanding scientific terminology; Interpreting historical texts

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use Greek and Latin roots and affixes to figure out what words mean. For example, 'tele' means far away, so 'telephone' means a device to talk to someone far away.

#### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that all words with the same root mean the same thing, but the context can change the meaning. Also, they might not see how useful learning roots can be, but it's helpful in many subjects like science.

#### Quiz Me

- What does the root 'photo' mean?
- Can you think of a word with the root 'tele'?
- What does the suffix '-graph' mean?
- How can roots help you understand new words?
- Why is learning word roots important?

#### Help Me

Understanding Greek and Latin roots can help you figure out what new words mean. For example, if you know 'bio' means life and 'logy' means study, you can guess that 'biology' means the study of life. This skill is useful in reading, science, and many other subjects.