



## 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).

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Deciphering the meaning of unfamiliar words in reading passages; Enhancing vocabulary in writing assignments; Improving comprehension in subjects like science and social studies; Using context clues in standardized tests; Creating word maps to visualize word relationships

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about Greek and Latin roots. These are parts of words that help us understand what new words mean.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think all new words can be figured out using Greek and Latin roots, but that's not always true. Also, just knowing the root isn't enough; we need to look at the whole sentence to understand the word.

### Quiz Me

- What is a root word?
- Can you give an example of a Greek root?
- What does the prefix 'photo-' mean?
- Why do we use context clues?
- Can all words be figured out using roots?

### Help Me

Understanding Greek and Latin roots helps us figure out what new words mean. For example, 'photo' means light, so 'photograph' means a picture made using light. We also need to look at the whole sentence to understand the word better.