

Latin and Greek Word Roots 1

An enjoyable and easy-to-use program, **Latin and Greek Word Roots 1** engages students and teaches word roots, the building blocks for words. As students complete the program's challenging activities, word study cards, and quizzes, they (1) expand their vocabularies, (2) learn to pronounce multisyllable words, and (3) improve spelling.

(FOR THE TEACHER) After making copies of Lesson 1, Letter A, Pages 1, 2, and 3, follow the three steps to administer the program. (All of the lessons follow a consistent structure. The structure makes the program easy to administer and the students comfortable because they know what is coming next.)

STEP 1

Word Roots, Page 1. Pass out Page 1, word roots *aster*, *astro*, *a*, *an*, and *auto*.

- a.** Using the words in the Word Root Box, students write the word root meanings in the parentheses,
- b.** Students write the complete word on the lines.
- c.** Students write their Own Definitions (OD) of the words, on the line.
- d.** After individual students complete their Own Definitions (OD), they pick up Page 2, Study Cards, to use for writing the Study Card Definitions (SCD) and write the Study Card Definition of the words on the line.

STEP 2

Study Cards, Page 2. Before taking the Vocabulary Quiz, students study Page 2, Study Cards (independently or with a partner).

- a.** Students study for 5 or 10 minutes.
- b.** Read definitions from the Study Cards, and have students raise their hands if they know the words for the definitions.

STEP 3

Vocabulary Quiz, Page 3. (The Vocabulary Quiz may be given on the same day or on another day.) Pass out Page 3, Vocabulary Quiz.

- a.** Students complete the Vocabulary Quiz.

Word Root Box

astro, aster – star	oid – resembling	pathy – feeling
nomy – study of	arch – rule	auto – self, same
a, an – without	naut – sailor	matos - acting
	graph – writing	

- Write the meanings next to the word parts. Write the complete word.
- Write your own definition. Write the study card definition.



1. astro (**star**) + nomy (**study of**) = **a s t r o n o m y**

Own Definition (OD)

Study Card Definition (SCD)

2. aster () + oid () = _____

(OD)

(SCD)

3. astro () + naut () = _____

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4. an () + arch () + y = _____

(OD)

(SCD)

5. a () + pathy () = _____

(OD)

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6. a () + moral = _____

(OD)

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7. auto () + graph () = _____

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(SCD)

8. auto () + mat () + ic = _____

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EXTRA CREDIT – On the back of this page, write the meanings of the words.

abiotic (bio - life); anorexia (orexis- appetite); astrologer (logos - knowledge); automobile (mobil – move)

Greek

● aster, astro

star

aster – star-shaped flower

asterisk – star-shaped mark * used to call attention to something written and printed
astronomy (nomy - *scientific study*) – scientific study of the stars, moon, etc.

asteroid (oid - *resembling*) – planets in the shape of a star, resembling a star

astronaut (naut - *sailor*) – star sailor; a person who travels in a spacecraft

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Greek

● a, an

not, without

anarchy (arch - *rule*) – without any rule or form of government; lawlessness; disorder
[When the king died, there was anarchy.]

apathy (pathy - *feeling*) – without feeling or emotion; lack of desire or interest [After failing the test she was filled with apathy.]

amoral – without moral principles, not acceptable behavior [He displayed an amoral lifestyle.]

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Greek

● auto

self

autograph (graph - *writing*) – writing the name of oneself; signature [Would you like to have the singer's autograph?]

automatic (matos - *acting*) – moving or acting by itself, without help [Does this car have an automatic transmission?]

automobile (mobilis - *move*) – a self-moving vehicle

Quiz 1

Latin and Greek Roots **A**

Part 1

Answer Box

aster	automobile	asteroid	amoral
anarchy	autograph	anorexia	astronomy
apathy	astronaut	automatic	asterisk

● Write the word for each definition.

1. _____ a star-shaped flower
2. _____ without any rule or form of government
3. _____ writing the name of oneself; signature
4. _____ a self-moving vehicle
5. _____ without an appetite; lack of appetite
6. _____ scientific study of the stars, moon, etc.
7. _____ without emotion or feeling; lack of desire or interest
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Part 2

move	star	not, without	self	sailor
write, draw	feeling	rule	study of	

● Write the meanings for the word roots.

1. astro, aster _____
2. a, an _____
3. auto _____
4. naut _____
5. mobile _____
6. arch _____
7. pathy _____
8. graph _____
9. nomy _____

Part 3

● On the back of this page, write each word in a sentence.

You may change the form of a word: **autograph (s, ed, ing)**.

autograph

astronaut

automobile

anarchy

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aster

asterisk — *resembling*

asteroid

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astro **loger** — *knowledge*

not, without

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