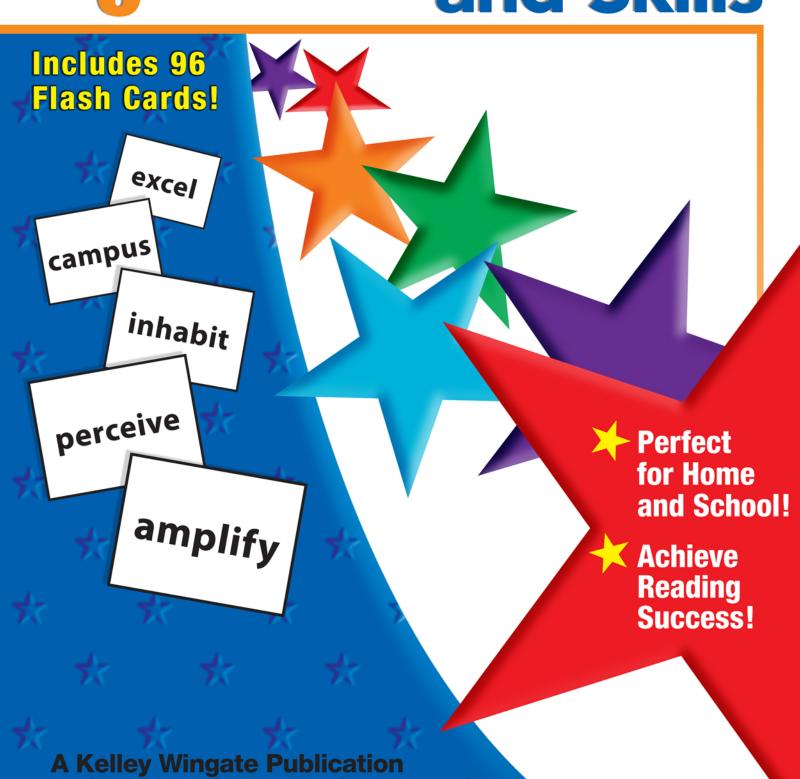




Reading GRADE Comprehension and Skills



Reading Comprehension and Skills: Grade 6

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Ready-to-Use Ideas and Activities

This book was developed to help students master the basic skills necessary to become competent readers. The stronger their foundation in reading basics, the faster and easier students will be able to advance to more challenging texts.

Mastering the skills covered within the activity pages of this book is paramount for successful reading comprehension. The activities at the beginning of the book aim to build and reinforce vocabulary, the foundation of reading comprehension. These activities lead to practice with more advanced comprehension skills such as categorizing and using context to understand words.

All students learn at their own rate; therefore, use your judgment to introduce concepts to students when developmentally appropriate.

Hands-On Learning

Hands-on learning reinforces the skills covered within the activity pages and improves students' potential for comprehension. One idea for a hands-on activity is to use the removable flash cards at the back of this book to play a game of bingo. To do this, make a copy of the bingo card (page 3) for each student. Write the flash card words on the board and have students choose 24 of the words and write them in the empty spaces of their bingo cards in any order. When students have finished writing on their cards, gather the flash cards into a deck. Call out the words one at a time. Any student who has a word that you call out should make an *X* through the word on their card to cross it out. The student who crosses out five words in a row first (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally) wins the game by calling out, "Bingo!" To extend the game, continue playing until a student crosses out all of the words on their bingo card.

Comprehension Checks and Discussion

In addition to the activities in this book, support reading comprehension growth by reading stories in the classroom. After a story—or part of a story—is read, ask your students questions to ensure and enhance reading comprehension. The first type of question you might ask is a factual question. A factual question includes question words such as who, what, when, where, how, and why. For example, How old is the character?, Where does the character live?, What time was it when...?, or any other question that has a clear answer. You might also ask open-ended questions. These types of questions do not have a clear answer. They are based on opinions about the story, not on facts. For example, an open-ended question might be Why do you think the character acted as he did?, How do you think the character felt about her actions or the actions of others?, What do you think the character will do next?, or What other ways could this story have ended? As students learn to think about these questions as they read, they will retain more of the material and understand it at a higher level.

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Name	Decoding

Many English words contain roots from other languages such as Greek and Latin. For example, the word *monarch* contains the roots *mon*, meaning "one," and *arch*, meaning "ruler." Therefore, a *monarch* is "one ruler," or a person who rules a country alone. Read the list of roots below.

bio: life ast: star zoo: animals geo: earth

psych: mind **archaeo:** ancient **bot:** plant **anthrop:** human

Use these roots to help you match the following words with their meanings.

archaeologist zoologist psychologist biologist anthropologist botanist astronomer geologist

- 1. scientist who studies plants
- 2. scientist who studies the human mind
- 3. scientist who studies ancient people
- 4. scientist who studies different life forms
- 5. scientist who studies the earth
- 6. scientist who studies human cultures
- 7. scientist who studies the solar system _____
- 8. scientist who studies animals

Name	Decoding

Many English words contain roots from other languages such as Greek and Latin. For example, the word *thermometer* contains the roots *therm* and *meter*. *Therm* means "heat," and *meter* means "to measure." Therefore, a *thermometer* is a device that measures heat. Read the list of roots below.

dent: toothcardi: heartneur: nervepod: foothemo: bloodped: childopt: eyederm: skin

Use these roots to match the following words with their meanings. Write the correct word in each blank.

cardiologist hematologist dermatologist pediatrician ophthalmologist neurologist podiatrist dentist

- 1. doctor who examines blood _____
- 2. doctor who examines feet
- 3. doctor who examines children
- 4. doctor who examines teeth
- 5. doctor who examines the nervous system _____
- 6. doctor who examines skin
- 7. doctor who examines the heart
- 8. doctor who examines eyes _____

Many English words contain roots from other languages such as Greek and Latin. For example, the word semicircle contains the roots semi and circle. Semi means "half," so a semicircle is half of a circle. Read the list of roots below.

mille: thousand **poly:** many **tri:** three

hemi: half

centi: hundred equi: equal

quad: four oct: eight

Use these roots to match the following words with their meanings. Write the correct word in each blank.

> polygon triangle centimeter hemisphere octagon quadrilateral millisecond equivalent hemisphere

- 1. figure with many sides
- 2. having equal measure
- 3. figure with three sides _____
- 4. half of a sphere
- 5. figure with four sides
- 6. $\frac{1}{100}$ of a meter
- 7. figure with eight sides ______
- 8. $\frac{1}{1,000}$ of a second

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Many English words contain roots from other languages such as Greek and Latin. For example, the word *bicycle* contains the roots *bi* and *cycl*. *Bi* means "two," and *cycl* means "a circle or ring." Therefore, a *bicycle* is a vehicle that has two circles, or wheels. Read the list of roots below.

omni: allnutri: nourishherba: grassspir: breathephys: body, naturecarn: meataero: airchlor: green

Use these roots to help you match the following words with their meanings.

herbivore nutrition physical respiration aerobic carnivore chlorophyll omnivore

- 1. something that makes plants' leaves green
- 2. animal that eats only plants
- 3. taking in the food necessary for health and growth
- 4. the act of breathing
- 5. animal that eats only meat _____
- 6. helping the body take in more oxygen
- 7. relating to the body
- 8. animal that eats all kinds of food ______

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Greek and Latin Roots

Many English words contain roots from other languages such as Greek and Latin. For example, the word submarine contains the roots sub and marine. Sub means "below," and marine means "water." Therefore, a submarine is a vehicle that travels below the water. Read the list of roots below.

ann: year **dem:** people

auto: self fac: make

loc: place **spec:** see **chron:** time biblio: book

Use these roots to match the following words with their meanings.

factory

democracy bibliography location spectator

anniversary

chronology autobiography

- 1. place where things are made _____
- 2. position of something
- 3. date marking a yearly event
- 4. person who watches something _____
- 5. list of events in order
- 6. book about a person's own life _____
- 7. government by the people _____
- 8. list of reference books

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Many English words contain roots from other languages such as Greek and Latin. For example, the word *television* contains the roots *tele* and *vision*. *Tele* means "distance," and *vision* means "to see." Therefore, a *television* is an object that lets you see things from a distance. Read the list of roots below.

cred: believe jud: law crypt: hidden temp: time mar: sea leg: read aud: hear port: carry

Use these roots to match the following words with their meanings.

audible temporary credible marine cryptic judicial legible portable

- 1. able to be carried _____
- 2. relating to the law
- 3. relating to the sea
- 4. able to be believed _____
- 5. lasting for only a short time _____
- 6. able to be read
- 7. mysterious _____
- 8. able to be heard _____

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Decoding

Greek and Latin Roots

Many English words contain roots from other languages such as Greek and Latin. For example, the word *monorail* contains the roots *mono* and *rail*. *Mono* means "one," so a *monorail* is a vehicle that runs on a single rail. Read the list of roots below.

,....

cap: take, seize **nomen:** name

brev: short **alter:** other

ver: truth nov: new

magn: large cogn: know

Use these roots to match the following words with their meanings.

alternate novice

recognize nominate abbreviate verify

magnify captivate

- 1. to be familiar with _____
- 2. to make larger
- 3. to hold someone's attention
- 4. to make shorter
- 5. to change between two things
- 6. to make sure something is true
- 7. to name someone as a candidate for office _____
- 8. someone who is new at doing something _____

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Many English words contain roots from other languages such as Greek and Latin. For example, the word *international* contains the Latin root *inter. Inter* means "between," so something that is *international* happens between nations. Read the list of roots below.

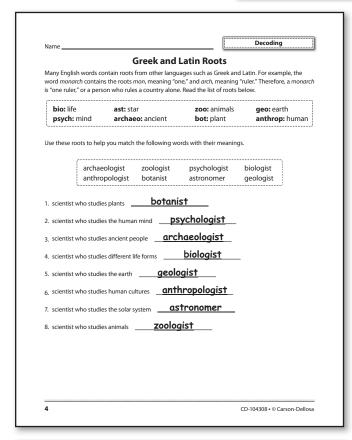
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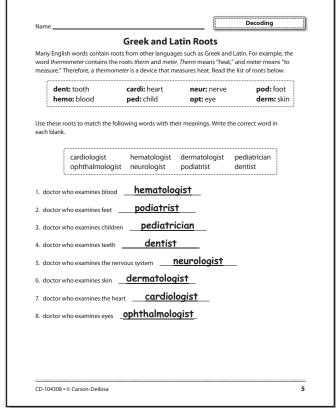
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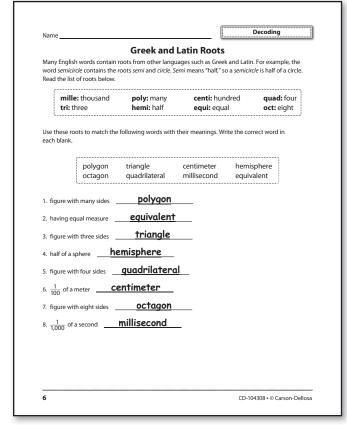
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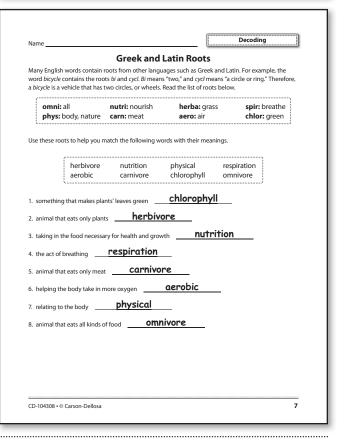
- 1. motherly
- 2. one ruler
- 3. device that measures footsteps
- 4. brotherly
- 5. having to do with water _____
- 6. word that means the opposite
- 7. question ______
- 8. fatherly

Answer Key

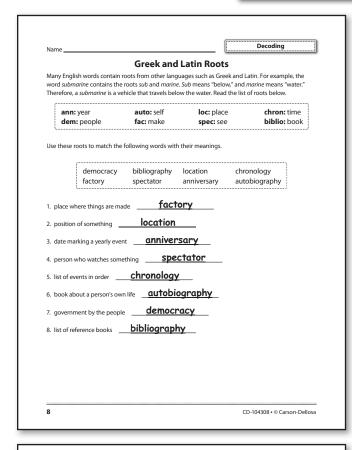


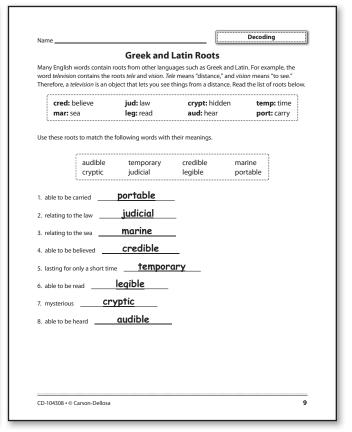


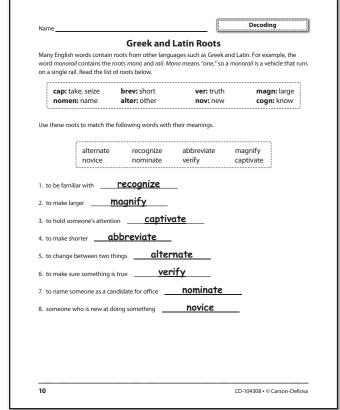




Answer Key







	: mother water	quer: ask frater: brother	ped: foot arch: lead		m: name er: father
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. one ruler	mon	arch			
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. brotherly	frat	ernal			
. having to	do with water	aquatic			
. word that	means the opp	osite anto	onym		
. question	qu	ery			
. fatherly	pate	rnal			