***Knowing the meanings of common Greek and Latin roots can help you figure out the meanings of dozens of related words.***

**Common Core Standard:**

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).

**Objectives:**

1. Know common roots and prefixes derived from Greek and Latin, and use this knowledge to analyze the meaning of complex words.
2. Know common roots and prefixes derived from Greek and Latin, and apply these roots to create appropriate sentences.

**Note:**

* *Quiz 1* covers prefixes 1-5 and Roots 1-18
* *Quiz 2* covers prefixes 6-10 and Roots 19-35

**Grade 9 Prefixes & Roots**

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|  | **Prefix** | **Meaning** | **Examples** | **Example 2** |  |
| 1 | a, ab, abs | away, from | absent |  |  |
| 2 | ad, a, ac, af, ag, an, ar, at, as | to, toward | adhere | adapt | **1-5 are on QUIZ 1** |
| 3 | bi, bis | two | bicycle | bisect |  |
| 4 | circum | around | circumference | circumscribe |  |
| 5 | com, con | together, with | combination | connect |  |
| 6 | de | opposite, from, away | detract | defer | **6-10 are on QUIZ II** |
| 7 | dis, dif, di | apart, not | disperse | different |  |
| 8 | epi | upon, on top of | epicenter | epidermis |  |
| 9 | equi | equal | equitable | equality |  |
| 10 | ex, e | out, from, forth | eject | exhale |  |

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|  | **Root** | **Meaning** | **Examples** | **Example 2** |  |
| 1 | aero | air | aerobics | aeratate | **QUIZ 1** |
| 2 | agri | field | agriculture | agrarian | #1-18 |
| 3 | alter | other | alternate | altercation |  |
| 4 | ambi | both | ambigious | ambidextrous |  |
| 5 | amo | love | amorous | enamored |  |
| 6 | ang | bend | angle | tiangle |  |
| 7 | anim | life, spirit | animate | animal |  |
| 8 | ann,enn | year | annual | biennial |  |
| 9 | anthropo | human | anthropology | philanthropic |  |
| 10 | apt, ept | fasten | inept | aptitude |  |
| 11 | aqua | water | aquarium | aqueduct |  |
| 12 | arch | primitive | archaic | archetype |  |
| 13 | art | skill | artisan | artist |  |
| 14 | aud | hear | audible | audition |  |
| 15 | baro | weight | barometer | isobar |  |
| 16 | belli | war | bellicose | rebellion |  |
| 17 | biblio | books | bibliography | bible |  |
| 18 | bio | life | biology | biosphere |  |
| 19 | brev | short | brevity | abbreviate | **QUIZ 2** |
| 20 | cam | field | campus | campaign | #19-35 |
| 21 | cap | head | captain | decapitate |  |
| 22 | cardi | heart | cardiac | cardiogram |  |
| 23 | cede, ceed | go, yield | precede | succeed |  |
| 24 | centr | center | central | centrifuge |  |
| 25 | cert | sure | certain | certify |  |
| 26 | cess | go, yield | cessation | process |  |
| 27 | chron | time | chronic | chronicle |  |
| 28 | cide, cise | cut, kill | scissors | suicide |  |
| 29 | claim, clam | shout | clamor | exclaim |  |
| 30 | clar | clear | clarity | declare |  |
| 31 | cline | lean | decline | incline |  |
| 32 | cogn | know | cognition | incognito |  |
| 33 | commun | common | communal | community |  |
| 34 | corp | body | corpse | corporation |  |
| 35 | cosm | universe | cosmos | microcosm |  |

Study suggestions:

1. Create flash cards with prefix or root on one side with “hint” (drawing) on front and definition on back (download this chart from my website to simplify this: mrsmowry.weebly.com)
2. Ask parent or guardian to quiz you about words that use those prefixes or roots.