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Latin roots: student worksheet

Reference page / English vocabulary / No Greek or Latin reading required

Read each word part and example. Use these clues with the whole sentence. A root is not a complete definition.

Word part	Clue	Examples
port-	Carry	portable; transport
scrib- / script-	Write	scribe; manuscript
struct- / stru-	Build	construct
spec- / spect-	Look; watch	inspect; spectator

Worked example

We chose a portable lamp so we could carry it between rooms. Port- gives the carrying clue. Portable describes something that can be carried or moved; it does not name the person doing the carrying. The sentence helps us choose the intended meaning.

Check the whole meaning

A manuscript can be typed. Its history connects to writing by hand, but its current meaning is broader. Inspect and spectator share a looking or watching family, but inspect is an action and spectator names a person. Shared roots do not make complete words interchangeable.

Hyphens mark word parts here; do not add them to complete English words. A spelling match alone does not prove a shared origin.

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Latin roots: written practice

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Cover page 1 for recall. Use the separate key only after you finish.

1. Write the carrying root and its meaning.

2. Write both forms of the writing root in the reference.

3. Which root family gives a building clue in construct?

4. Which root family links inspect and spectator?

5. "The portable lamp moved from room to room." Explain the root clue and the meaning of portable in this sentence.

6. "The author emailed a typed manuscript to the editor." Must this manuscript be handwritten? Explain.

7. "The class will construct a bridge from card." What does construct mean here? Which root family helps?

8. Exit task: compare "Inspect the stage" with "The spectator watched the play." Explain the shared clue and the different jobs of the complete words.
