

# 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**

|                            |                         |                          |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>astro, aster</b> – star | <b>oid</b> – resembling | <b>pathy</b> – feeling   |
| <b>nomy</b> – study of     | <b>arch</b> – rule      | <b>auto</b> – self, same |
| <b>a, an</b> – without     | <b>naut</b> – sailor    | <b>matos</b> - acting    |
|                            | <b>graph</b> – 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)

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Study Card Definition (SCD)

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2. aster ( ) + oid ( ) = \_\_\_\_\_

(OD)

(SCD)

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3. astro ( ) + naut ( ) = \_\_\_\_\_

(OD)

(SCD)

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4. an ( ) + arch ( ) + y = \_\_\_\_\_

(OD)

(SCD)

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5. a ( ) + pathy ( ) = \_\_\_\_\_

(OD)

(SCD)

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6. a ( ) + moral = \_\_\_\_\_

(OD)

(SCD)

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7. auto ( ) + graph ( ) = \_\_\_\_\_

(OD)

(SCD)

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8. auto ( ) + mat ( ) + ic = \_\_\_\_\_

(OD)

(SCD)

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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

astrologer (logos – *knowledge*) – one who gets knowledge from the stars

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.]

anorexia – (orexis - *appetite*) – without an appetite; lack of appetite

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
8. \_\_\_\_\_ planets in the shape of a star, resembling a star
9. \_\_\_\_\_ without moral principles, not acceptable behavior
10. \_\_\_\_\_ star sailor; a person who travels in a spacecraft
11. \_\_\_\_\_ moving or acting by itself, without help or thought
12. \_\_\_\_\_ a star-shaped mark \* used to call attention to something written or printed.

### 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