

Greek and Latin Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes: Grades 5-8

Greek and Latin Prefixes, Roots, and Suffixes: Grades 5-8 provides teachers with motivating, rigorous, ready to use word study lessons that meet Common Core language arts standards. Lessons empower students to increase their vocabulary and infer meanings of unknown words through their knowledge of Greek and Latin word parts. Projects may be done at any time and provide opportunities for the entire class to work together to extend learning.

The lessons progress from reading etymologies to in-depth study of Greek and Latin word parts and how the words are related in meaning and spelling.

Each lesson includes a teacher page, student pages, a test, and an answer key. This book also contains small and large group projects and a resource with lists of Greek and Latin prefixes, roots, and suffixes (titled “Scrutinizing Words”) to reinforce students' knowledge of root families.

To capitalize on middle schoolers' aptitude for social learning, the lettered sections of each lesson begin with small or large group discussion to hypothesize the meaning of the word part based on familiar words. Students draw conclusions and check with peers or resources like online or physical dictionaries. The numbered sections are written exercises that can be completed individually, with partners, or in small groups, at the teacher's discretion.

Students deepen their understanding by working with words containing the same Greek or Latin portion of the word. They may work individually or in small groups with such learning routines as “If, Then” statements, “Which One Doesn't Belong,” matching unknown words to meanings based on their understanding of the roots, etymologies, context clues, and several others.

Teachers will find the lessons easy to use, in part, or the whole. Students will enjoy the options for learning together and breaking the code of rich vocabulary they will encounter in music, science, math, and their reading in other areas.