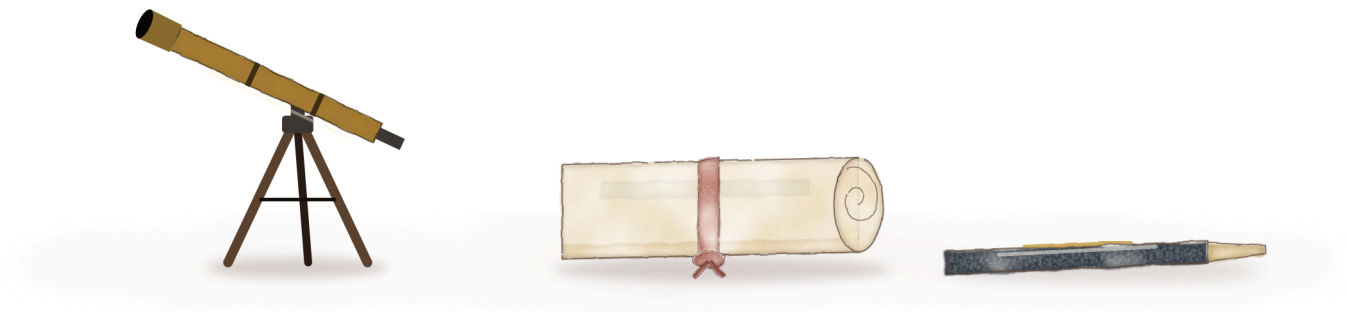
Reading Long Words

Greek & Latin Roots for Readers

Many long words are built on a root: port means carry (trans|port, port|a|ble), spect means look (in|spec|tor), graph means write (au|to|graph). Find the root, read the parts, and use the root as a clue to the meaning.

trans **port**

trans + port: port means carry. Transport means to carry from one place to another.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Lesson 1: port, spect, dict, rupt
- Warm-up, model and words to read together
- A root sort and a parts task
- An original passage with reading strips
- Answers for every activity
- For grades 4–7

1 Find the root	2 Read the parts around it	3 Use the root as a clue	4 Check the meaning in the sentence

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · About 15 minutes a session · Supplemental practice, not a diagnosis or a full program

How this book works

Three lessons, four short sessions each.

This book is for an older learner who decodes long words but does not yet use word parts as clues to meaning. A root is the core part of a word, often from Latin or Greek: port means carry, spect means look, graph means write. Find the root, read the parts around it, and use the root as a clue, then check the meaning in the sentence.

Lesson 1 has Latin port, spect, dict and rupt. Lesson 2 has Latin struct, tract, ject and scrib/script. Lesson 3 has Greek graph, phon, scope and meter. A root is a clue, not a full definition: always check the meaning in context or in a dictionary.

EACH LESSON: FOUR PAGES

Learn	A warm-up, the routine, a model word (I do) and words to read together (We do).
Practice	Activities with help, and sentences to read aloud.
On your own	New words the learner has not seen in this book. The partner only marks.
Read it for real	An original story, questions, and words to spell.

MARKING

Right · Fixed it (the learner corrected themselves: count it as right) · Needed help. Note what went wrong, not just that it did.

NOT A TEST OR A DIAGNOSIS

Supplemental practice. It does not screen for or diagnose dyslexia or any reading difficulty, and it is not a full reading program. Progress depends on the learner, the time spent and the teaching around it.

PRONUNCIATION

Some roots change their sound inside a word (graph in autograph and biography). The letters are the clue; read the chunks as the word is said.

Latin roots: port, spect, dict, rupt

transport, predict, inspector, erupt: carry, say, look, break.

Before you start: reads multisyllable words and knows common prefixes such as re-, in- and pre-.

WARM-UP

Three meanings: each root in this lesson means one of these (or break). Mark right, fixed it or needed help.

carry ○ look ○ say ○

THE ROUTINE

1. Find the root
2. Read the parts around it
3. Use the root as a clue
4. Check the meaning in the sentence

I DO · THE ADULT READS ALOUD

trans port

Find the root: port. It means carry. Read the parts: trans + port. Use the clue: carrying across. Check: to transport goods is to carry them from one place to another. Chunks: trans|port.

WE DO · READ TOGETHER AND DRAW A SCOOP UNDER EACH CHUNK

predict

inspector

erupt

portable

ADULT: WATCH FOR

Guessing a meaning from the root alone. Say: "The root is a clue. Read the whole sentence, then check." Also: words that only look like they have the root (passport, portrait, portal) are not port words.

Practice: Latin roots: port, spect, dict, rupt

Work with your partner. Help is fine here.

A Read each word. Find the root. Write the word under its root.

export	report	spectator	spectacle
dictate	verdict	interrupt	disrupt

port (carry)	spect (look)	dict (say)	rupt (break)

B Split each word into its parts. Circle the root. Then say what the word means.

support

porter

prospect

contradict

C Read each sentence aloud. Your partner marks the circle when every long word is right.

1. The inspector will predict when the volcano will erupt. ○

2. We can transport the portable radio anywhere. ○

On your own: Latin roots: port, spect, dict, rupt

New words first, then words at work. Use the routine; your partner only marks.

A Read each word aloud. Your partner marks how it went.

		right	fixed it	needed help
1	suspect	○	○	○
2	dictionary	○	○	○
3	rupture	○	○	○
4	portfolio	○	○	○
5	prediction	○	○	○
6	eruption	○	○	○
7	inspection	○	○	○

Words right (fixed it counts as right): _____ / 7

B Read the word. Circle the meaning that fits.

portfolio — a case for carrying papers / a loud noise

prediction — something said about what will happen / a broken window

inspection — a close look to check something / a kind of cake

Read it for real

Read the story aloud. Answer the questions. Spell two words.

The Volcano Report

Every spectator at the lookout, a safe distance away, was waiting. Scientists had tried to predict when the old volcano would erupt, and an inspector had checked the area that morning. Then the ground began to shake. Smoke and red rock burst from the top: a real spectacle. "I will report everything," said a girl with a portable camera. Nobody wanted to interrupt her as she filmed.

READING STRIPS · READ EACH LINE THREE TIMES; TICK A BOX EACH TIME

every spectator | at the lookout ☐ ☐ ☐

tried to predict | when the volcano would erupt ☐ ☐ ☐

a girl | with a portable camera ☐ ☐ ☐

1. What were the scientists trying to do?

2. What did the girl use to film?

Spell it: your partner says a word. You say its chunks or parts, then write it.

1. _____

2. _____

PARTNER: TICK EACH LONG WORD READ CORRECTLY

☐ spectator	☐ predict	☐ erupt	☐ inspector
☐ spectacle	☐ report	☐ portable	☐ interrupt

Lesson 1 answers

Latin roots: port, spect, dict, rupt

Warm-up	carry, look, say
I do	transport (trans|port)
We do	predict (pre|dict), inspector (in|spec|tor), erupt (e|rupt), portable (port|a|ble)
Sentences	"The inspector will predict when the volcano will erupt." "We can transport the portable radio anywhere."
Watch for	Guessing a meaning from the root alone. Say: "The root is a clue. Read the whole sentence, then check." Also: words that only look like they have the root (passport, portrait, portal) are not port words.
Practice A	port (carry): export, report · spect (look): spectator, spectacle · dict (say): dictate, verdict · rupt (break): interrupt, disrupt
Practice B	support: sup + port; porter: port + er; prospect: pro + spect; contradict: contra + dict
On your own A	suspect (sus|pect); dictionary (dic|tion|ar|y); rupture (rup|ture); portfolio (port|fo|li|o); prediction (pre|dic|tion); eruption (e|rup|tion); inspection (in|spec|tion).
On your own B	portfolio: a case for carrying papers; prediction: something said about what will happen; inspection: a close look to check something
Story	1. To predict when the volcano would erupt. 2. A portable camera.
Dictation	transport (trans + port), predict (pre + dict)

THE FULL BOOK

The full Greek & Latin Roots for Readers has two more lessons (struct, tract, ject and scrib; then Greek graph, phon, scope and meter), root charts, a quick check, a final check with ten new words, word cards, a progress record and notes on look-alikes.