



Spelling Shed

Etymology

How using etymological information can improve understanding in reading and aid spelling.

Orthographic
mapping



Morphology



Etymology

Key Terms - Affixes

affix

A group of letters that can be added to the beginning or end of a word/root.

Types of affix

prefix

A group of letters added to the beginning of a root to alter the meaning.

suffix

A group of letters that can be added to the end of a root which alters the meaning.

derivative

A word which is formed by adding suffixes and prefixes to a root or by combining two base words to form a compound word.

Key Terms

Base Word

A word that can stand alone when all of the affixes have been removed.

Root

The root carries the primary meaning of the word. A root does not always stand alone as an English word when all of the affixes have been removed.

help

helpless
helpful
unhelpful
helping
helper

help is a base word as well as a root

mort

mortal
mortgage
immortal
mortality
immortalise

mort is the root but, isn't a base word



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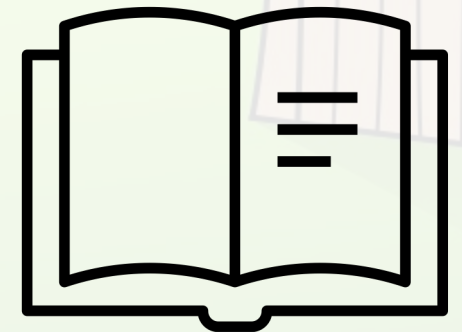
What is Etymology?

Greek origin: 'etymologia'

Meaning: 'analysis of a word to find its true origin'

etymon – 'true sense or original meaning'

-logy – 'the study of'



Breaking words into chunks for spelling



photograph

photograph

pho|to|graph

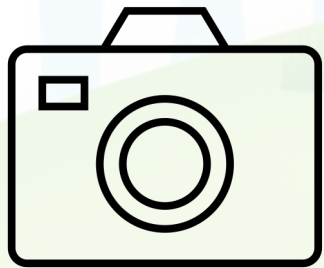


Photo is a Greek word meaning light.

Graph is a Greek word meaning something written.

So... photograph means 'written in light.'



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Other words with Greek origins:

dolphin

elephant

alphabet

hyphen

triumph



Spot the Greek word in these /f/ words

- confluence
- professional
- chlorophyll



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- con**f**luence
- pro**f**essional
- chloro**p**hyll



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Both con and pro are Latin prefixes so are not followed by the Greek ph

Chloro is the Greek word for green

aero = air

aeroplane
aeronaut
aerial





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Old English root **tw**

twin

twice

twenty

twelve

twelfth

two



Tw- means two and so does bi-

Knowing that bi- means two and that ped means feet allows children to understand that the word biped = two footed and is spelt **biped** and not **byped**.

Knowing bio means life and graphy means writing = life writing.

Bio+graphy not biergraphy

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Rhino**cer**os vs tri**cer**atops

GREEK

rhin-
nose

GREEK

LATIN

rhinokerōs

rhinoceros

Middle English

GREEK

keras
horn



GREEK

trikeratos

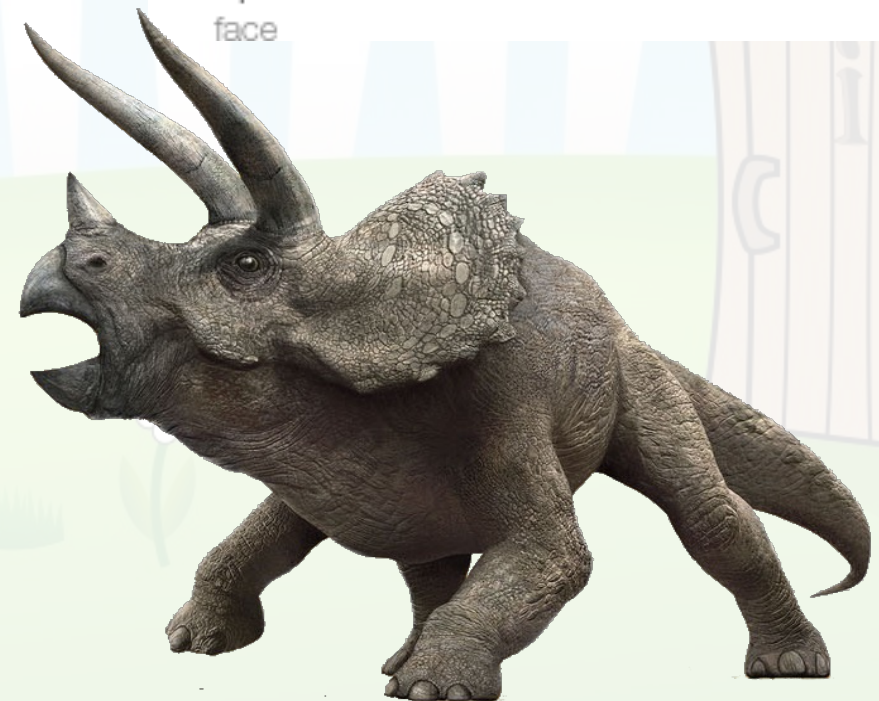
three-horned

GREEK

ōps
face

MODERN LATIN

triceratops



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Helicopter

Helico from Greek 'helix' meaning spiral

pter from Greek 'pteron' meaning wing

Helicopter = spiral wing



Pteranodon

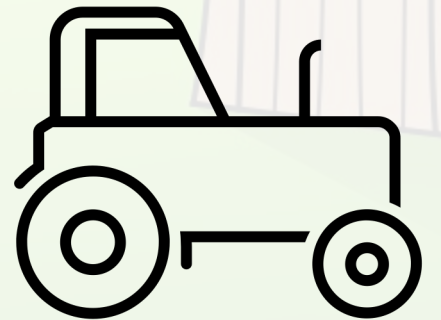
*Pteron wing
Ano without
Don tooth*

The Tractor Attraction

Tract means to pull

A tractor is a machine to pull

extract, retract, attract





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Stage: 3

List: 1

The /ow/ sound spelled 'ou'. Found often in the middle of words, sometimes at the beginning and very rarely at the end of words.

The word **sound** comes from the Latin word **sonus** which means sound or noise.

This means Romans may have complained about their neighbors making too much sonus!





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How do you think these companies got their names?

SONY



SONOS

Clue: they all make music
players.



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