

## **Word Origin Practice**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the Word Origin Packet to answer the following questions. Use complete sentences and Q-A format (use part of the question to start your answer) as appropriate.

1. Who is Saturday named for? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Look at the Greek Roots. Which two roots are used to create the word “thermometer”?  
What does each root mean:

Root 1: \_\_\_\_\_: meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Root 2: \_\_\_\_\_: meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you define a thermometer? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Look again at the Greek Roots. Which two roots are used to create the word  
phonograph? What does each root mean?

Root 1: \_\_\_\_\_: meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Root 2: \_\_\_\_\_: meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you define a phonograph? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Choose a word from the examples on the Greek Roots pages to explain. What are  
the word’s parts (roots, prefix, suffix as appropriate) and what are those parts’ meanings?  
How do you define that word? Use the format from Questions 2 & 3.

5. Look at the Latin Roots. How do you suppose Volvo, the automobile company, chose  
its name? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Find the Latin root “dent” and the suffix for Nouns - One who Practices. What are their meanings? What is a dentist?

Latin root **dent**: meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Suffix - what is the suffix that means “one who practices”: \_\_\_\_\_

What is a dentist? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Find the meanings of the following using the packet (even if you know them already!):

prefix **auto**: meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Greek root **bio**: meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

Greek root **graph**: meaning: \_\_\_\_\_

What is an autobiography? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Give the meanings for the following prefixes:

anti: \_\_\_\_\_

inter: \_\_\_\_\_

micro: \_\_\_\_\_

tele: \_\_\_\_\_

under: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Look at the Greek Roots pages. What is the meaning of the root “phon”?

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Put together the prefix “micro” and the Greek root “phon” and define a “microphone”.

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\_\_\_\_\_

11. Use the meanings of the word parts for “tele” and “phon” to explain what a “telephone” is. \_\_\_\_\_

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BONUS: Choose a word, pull apart its word parts and define the parts. Then tell what the definition of the word is. Have fun - choose a word you think is obscure!

