

# It's Greek to Me!

## Summary

Students will use Greek root words, suffixes and prefixes, to 'create' polysyllable words.

## Main Core Tie

English Language Arts Grade 5

[Language Standard 4 b.](#)

## Group Size

Large Groups

## Materials

Blank paper

List of Greek Root Words (See attachments)

Chart of prefixes and suffixes with meanings (See attachments)

Word Context Chart (See attachments)

## Background for Teachers

Understand prefixes, suffixes and roots. Pace the lesson for two days.

## Student Prior Knowledge

Students understand:

How to use a dictionary.

What the words prefix, suffix, and root or base word mean.

What a syllable is.

## Instructional Procedures

Provide for each student a dictionary, list of affixes, and list of Greek root words.

Instruct students to combine roots and affixes to 'create' words.

Students then check each word using a dictionary and verify each word's validity, meaning, and spelling.

Enter each valid word on a word context chart.

Students can finally enter each valid word in their journal or personal dictionary.

## Extensions

Make flash cards for prefixes, suffixes, and roots.

Use Latin root words. (See attachments)

## Assessment Plan

Use words for a spelling test.

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