

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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