



Introduction to Etymology

Welcome to the fascinating world of etymology and word roots! In this lesson, we will embark on a journey to uncover the hidden meanings behind words, exploring their origins, evolution, and significance in the English language.

Etymology is the study of the origins and history of words. It involves tracing the development of words from their earliest known origins to their current usage. By understanding etymology, you can decipher unfamiliar words, expand your vocabulary, and comprehend complex texts with greater ease.

Understanding Word Roots and Prefixes

Word roots and prefixes are the basic elements of words that carry meaning. Word roots are the core elements of words that provide their core meaning, while prefixes are elements that are added to the beginning of words to modify their meaning.

Understanding word roots and prefixes is essential for developing a deep understanding of the English language. For example, the word "telephone" can be broken down into its root "tele-" meaning "far" and the root "phone" meaning "voice" or "sound".

Word Root Sorting

Sort the following words into categories based on their roots: telephone, biology, geography, and psychology.

Word	Root	Category
telephone	tele-	
biology	bio-	
geography	geo-	
psychology	psycho-	

Prefix Matching

Match the following prefixes with their meanings: tele-, bio-, geo-, and psycho-.

Prefix	Meaning
tele-	
bio-	
geo-	
psycho-	

Word Building

Use the following roots and prefixes to build new words: *tele-*, *bio-*, *geo-*, and *psycho-*.

Root/Prefix	New Word
tele-	
bio-	
geo-	
psycho-	

Etymology Scavenger Hunt

Find and identify the etymology of the following words: *robot*, *computer*, and *internet*.

Word	Etymology
robot	
computer	
internet	

Word Root Charades

Act out the following words without speaking: telephone, biology, and geography.

Word	Act Out
telephone	
biology	
geography	

Online Etymology Dictionary

Use an online etymology dictionary to research the origins and history of words.

Visit an online etymology dictionary website and research the origins and history of the following words: robot, computer, and internet.

Word Root Games

Play online games that teach word roots and prefixes.

Visit a website that offers online games and activities for teaching word roots and prefixes. Play the games and complete the activities to practice your understanding of word roots and prefixes.

Conclusion

In conclusion, exploring etymology and word roots is a fascinating and rewarding topic that can enhance your understanding of vocabulary and language.

By incorporating differentiated activities, digital technologies, and hands-on tasks, you can develop essential skills in critical thinking, research, and communication. Remember to apply your knowledge of etymology to real-world contexts, and continue to explore the fascinating world of words!

Assessment

Complete a quiz to assess your understanding of etymology and word roots.

Question	Answer
What is the root of the word "telephone"?	
What is the prefix of the word "unhappy"?	
What is the etymology of the word "robot"?	

Word Root Project

Create a project that demonstrates your understanding of word roots and prefixes.

Create a project that showcases your knowledge of word roots and prefixes. This can be a poster, a presentation, or a written report. Be sure to include examples of words that demonstrate your understanding of word roots and prefixes.

Extension Activities

Create a word root dictionary, including definitions and examples.

Create a dictionary of word roots, including definitions and examples. This can be a fun and interactive way to practice your understanding of word roots and prefixes.

Etymology Research

Research the etymology of a selected word and present your findings.

Choose a word and research its etymology. Present your findings in a short report or presentation. Be sure to include the word's origins, history, and any interesting facts or anecdotes.

Glossary

Define the following terms: etymology, word root, and prefix.

Term	Definition
Etymology	
Word Root	
Prefix	

