



Introduction to English Word Origins

Welcome to the fascinating world of English word origins! This worksheet is designed to help you discover the roots of the language you use every day. Understanding word origins can help you decipher unfamiliar words, expand your vocabulary, and appreciate the rich history of the English language.

Vocabulary Words

Match the vocabulary words with their correct definitions:

1. Telephone
2. Hospital
3. Democracy
4. Vacation
5. Computer

Definitions:

- A device that allows people to communicate with each other over long distances
- A place where people go to receive medical care and treatment
- A system of government where power is held by the people
- A period of time spent away from work or school, often for rest or recreation
- An electronic device that can perform calculations and process information

Word Roots

Identify the word roots and their origins:

1. Telephone - tele- () + phone ()
2. Hospital - hospes () + -al ()
3. Democracy - demos () + kratos ()
4. Vacation - vacare ()
5. Computer - computare ()

Etymology

Read the etymology of each word and answer the questions:

1. Telephone: The word "telephone" comes from the Greek words "tele-" meaning "far" and "phone" meaning "voice". What does the word "telephone" literally mean?

2. Hospital: The word "hospital" comes from the Latin word "hospes" meaning "host" or "guest". What is the origin of the word "hospital"?

3. Democracy: The word "democracy" comes from the Greek words "demos" meaning "people" and "kratos" meaning "power". What does the word "democracy" literally mean?

4. Vacation: The word "vacation" comes from the Latin word "vacare" meaning "to be empty". What is the origin of the word "vacation"?

5. Computer: The word "computer" comes from the Latin word "computare" meaning "to calculate". What is the origin of the word "computer"?






Example Sentences

Use each vocabulary word in a sentence:

1. Telephone: _____
2. Hospital: _____
3. Democracy: _____
4. Vacation: _____
5. Computer: _____

Visual Representation

Match the vocabulary words with their corresponding visual representations:

1. Telephone - 
2. Hospital - 
3. Democracy - 
4. Vacation - 
5. Computer - 

Word Root Matching Game

Create a set of flashcards with word roots on one side and their origins on the other. Shuffle the cards and match the roots with their corresponding origins.

Role-Playing Scenarios

Divide into pairs and assign each pair a word from the list. Create a short skit or dialogue that incorporates the word and its origin.

Creative Writing Prompt

Write a short story or poem that uses at least three of the vocabulary words. Be creative and have fun with the words!

Assessment

Complete the following assessment to check your understanding of the vocabulary words and their origins:

1. What is the origin of the word "telephone"?
2. What does the word "democracy" literally mean?
3. What is the origin of the word "vacation"?
4. What is the origin of the word "computer"?
5. Use each vocabulary word in a sentence.

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing the English Word Origins worksheet! You have learned about the fascinating world of word origins and how they can help you decipher unfamiliar words and expand your vocabulary. Keep exploring and learning about the rich history of the English language!

