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# Here's an Instant Activity for January 16, 2012



## STRATEGY FOR SPELLING SUCCESS

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For most learners, spelling well doesn't just happen. It is the result of a conscientious spelling and word-skill curriculum that:

1. provides a menu of skill-building activities that range in sophistication to teach critical concepts at a student's own level,
2. uses assessment to gather information to target word study to the specific words each student has not learned from among all previously introduced words in the program, as well as to identify skills not yet mastered,
3. equips teachers with guidelines for spelling expectations in everyday writing that increase as students develop as writers, making the classroom a rehearsal for real-world writing, *and*
4. proposes multiple opportunities to engage parents in their child's acquisition of spelling skills.

This Instant Activity helps teachers achieve item number 1 above—and item number 4, if the activity is assigned as homework.

Meeting state standards is a priority of Sitton Spelling and Word Skills®. Instant Activities further support skills and concepts reflected in state standards.



## LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

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Approximately Grade 7–8



## PURPOSE

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To provide practice with Greek word parts

Skills: word analysis, research, vocabulary development, spelling, writing an explanation



## SUGGESTED USE

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Use this Instant Activity with the Level 8 Sourcebook (2nd or 3rd Edition), Unit 19, The Wordsmith Says, page 165.



## TEACHING DIRECTIONS

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Review meanings of these common Greek word parts: *graph* (write), *phone* (sound), *scope* (see), and *meter* (measure). Have students brainstorm words that contain these Greek word parts. Write the words on the board. Discuss the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Next, have students choose one word for each Greek word part and explain in writing how the Greek word part contributes to the meaning of the word. Provide time for students to research words if necessary. Then have them discuss their explanations in pairs or small groups.

Print the Instant Activity and distribute a copy to each student. Discuss the activity to ensure that students know what is expected. Then ask them to complete it at home or at school.



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## FOLLOW-UP

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Have students share their answers to the Instant Activity. Discuss how the Greek word parts contribute to the meaning of each word. Be sure students share a definition or description for each of their words.

Answers:

photo: relating to light; photograph

chrono: relating to time; chronograph, chronometer, chronoscope

micro: small; micrograph, microscope, microphone

mega: very large in size; megaphone

thermo: relating to heat; thermograph, thermometer

hygro: relating to moisture; hygrometer, hygroscope

anemo: wind; anemograph, anemometer

baro: relating to pressure; barometer

hydro: relating to water; hydrometer, hydrophone

peri: around, about; perimeter, periscope

seismo: relating to earthquakes; seismograph, seismometer

ophthalmo: relating to the eyes; ophthalmoscope

tele: to or at a distance; telegraph, telemeter, telescope, telephone



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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# Build Skills and Word Experiences



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## Using Greek Word Parts to Unlock the Meanings of Words

Research the meanings of the Greek word parts listed below. In the first blank, write the definition of the word part. In the second blank, combine the word part with **graph**, **meter**, **scope**, or **phone** to make a new word. Verify each word you make is a real word and confirm its meaning.

1. photo means \_\_\_\_\_
2. chrono means \_\_\_\_\_
3. micro means \_\_\_\_\_
4. mega means \_\_\_\_\_
5. thermo means \_\_\_\_\_
6. hygro means \_\_\_\_\_
7. anemo means \_\_\_\_\_
8. baro means \_\_\_\_\_
9. hydro means \_\_\_\_\_
10. peri means \_\_\_\_\_
11. seismo means \_\_\_\_\_
12. ophthalmo means \_\_\_\_\_
13. tele means \_\_\_\_\_



Explain in writing who might use these instruments and why: stethoscope, telegraph, anemometer, barometer, megaphone, periscope, telescope, and thermograph.