

The history of words

This task is about the structure of words.

Thousands of our most used words have their origins (roots) in Old English, or in other languages such as French or Latin.

For questions a) to d), read the words and then write the meaning of the circled root word in the space provided.

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a) Examples: circus circle circumference

circ means ...

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b) Examples: spectacles inspect

spec means ...

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c) Examples: transform formation uniform

form means ...

d) The table below shows five root words, their meanings, and an example of a word that contains that root word.

Complete the table by giving two more examples for each root word.

	Root Word	Meaning	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
i)	mobil	to move	mobility	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
ii)	dict	speak	predict	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
iii)	volv	to roll	evolve	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
iv)	tract	to pull	attract	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
v)	cent	a hundred	centenarian	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>