



Root Rap

Objective

The student will gain speed and accuracy in reading roots.

Materials

- ▶ Root cards (Activity Master F.003.AM1a - F.003.AM1b)
- ▶ List of roots (Activity Master F.003.AM2)

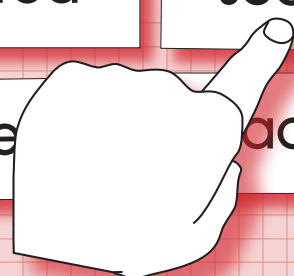
Activity

Students quickly identify roots in a timed activity.

1. Place list of roots and root cards face up in rows on a flat surface.
2. Working in pairs, student one picks up the list of roots and student two sits in front of the root cards.
3. Student one reads the first root on the first row of the list of roots while student two points quickly to the root.
4. Student one checks to assure that the correct root is identified. If the root is not identified correctly, student one assists. Student one quickly reads the remaining roots, pausing so that student two may locate and point to the corresponding card.
5. Reverse roles and continue until the roots are identified by each student multiple times.
6. Peer evaluation

“scop”

therm	vis	graph	spec
fer	cred	scop	aud
phon	flex	act	photo



Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Read list of roots in a timed activity and record (Activity Master F.003.AM3).
- ▶ Read roots and words in a timed activity (Activity Master F.003.AM4a - F.003.AM4b).
- ▶ Make other root cards (Activity Master F.003.AM5).
- ▶ Use root cards as flash cards. Discuss meanings of the roots.

photo

act

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Fluency

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F.003.AM1b

gram

graph

phon

vis

port

script

spec

tele

therm

flect

root cards



gram	graph	phon	vis	port	
ped	cred	fer	rupt	aud	
dict	act	scop	photo	tract	(15)
script	spec	tele	therm	flect	
photo	act	scop	tract	dict	
ped	rupt	vis	port	script	(30)
spec	tele	therm	flect	aud	
gram	phon	cred	fer	graph	
tele	therm	flect	tract	dict	(45)
scop	graph	phon	photo	act	
ped	rupt	cred	fer	aud	
gram	vis	port	script	spec	(60)

list of roots

Roots Correct Per Minute

1 st try	_____ roots
2 nd try	_____ roots
3 rd try	_____ roots
4 th try	_____ roots
5 th try	_____ roots



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1 st try	_____ roots
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3 rd try	_____ roots
4 th try	_____ roots
5 th try	_____ roots

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gram	telegram	anagram	diagram	grammar	
graph	phonograph	grapheme	telegraph	graphite	
phon	symphony	phonograph	phonogram	telephone	
vis	vision	invisible	visit	visual	(20)
port	import	transportation	porter	portable	
script	subscription	transcript	prescription	descriptive	
spec	spectacle	inspect	spectator	respect	(35)
tele	telephone	telegraph	telephoto	television	
therm	thermostat	thermal	thermodynamic	endothermic	
flect	reflect	inflection	deflect	genuflect	(50)

roots and words

Fluency

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F.003.AM4b

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photo	photocopy	photograph	photography	photogenic	
act	actor	react	transact	enact	
scop	telescope	microscopic	stethoscope	periscope	
tract	tractor	retractor	traction	subcontract	(20)
dict	prediction	dictionary	verdict	dictator	
ped	pedal	biped	pedestal	peddler	
rupt	disrupt	rupture	corrupt	interrupt	(35)
aud	auditorium	inaudible	audio	audition	
cred	incredible	credit	credential	incredulous	
fer	transfer	confer	refer	ferry	(50)

roots and words

F.003.AM5

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blank cards

