

# Unit 1

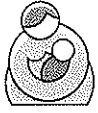
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## One From Many

Read the clues. The Latin or Greek root is hidden within the clues. Look for the word parts that are the same in the boldface words.



1. Latin root for *mother*. **Maternal** means related to motherhood, kind, caring, in a protective, motherly way. **Maternity** means the condition of being a mother. Your **alma mater** is a school you graduated from.

Latin root for *mother*: \_\_\_\_\_  
9 4



2. Latin root for *water*. An **aquarium** is a water tank for fish. **Aqua** and **aquamarine** are two watery blue colors. **Aquarius** is the sign of the Zodiac pictured as a man pouring water.

Latin root for *water*: \_\_\_\_\_  
3



3. Greek root meaning *birth or race*. A **generation** is all the people born around the same time. To **generate** means to produce. You are the **progeny** of your parents.

Greek root for *birth or race*: \_\_\_\_\_  
1 8



4. Greek root for *life*. A **biography** is the story of a person's life. An **autobiography** is the story of the writer's life. **Biology** is the science of living things.

Greek root for *life*: \_\_\_\_\_  
6 5



5. Latin root for *see or look*. A **spectator** is a member of an audience. A **spectacle** is something to see. To **inspect** is to look carefully.

Latin root for *see or look*: \_\_\_\_\_  
7 2

**BONUS** Write the numbered letters on the spaces below to spell out the motto of the United States of America, Latin for *one from many* or *out of many, one*.

\_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_  
1 2 3 4 5 6 3 7 3 8 3 9

What math terms can help you figure out which Latin words mean *many* and *one*?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the word that means *many*. Underline the word that means *one*.

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## Cloze Call

Write the root that completes the unfinished word in each sentence.

1. In \_\_\_\_\_**logy** class we learned that if your parents have blue eyes, there is a good chance you will have blue eyes, too.
2. While on \_\_\_\_\_**nity** leave, Mrs. Zee visited our school with her new baby.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_**eration** that grew up during the Depression learned to do without many things.
4. Divers use \_\_\_\_\_**lungs** to breathe underwater.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_**tators** sitting in the upper decks are far from the action!

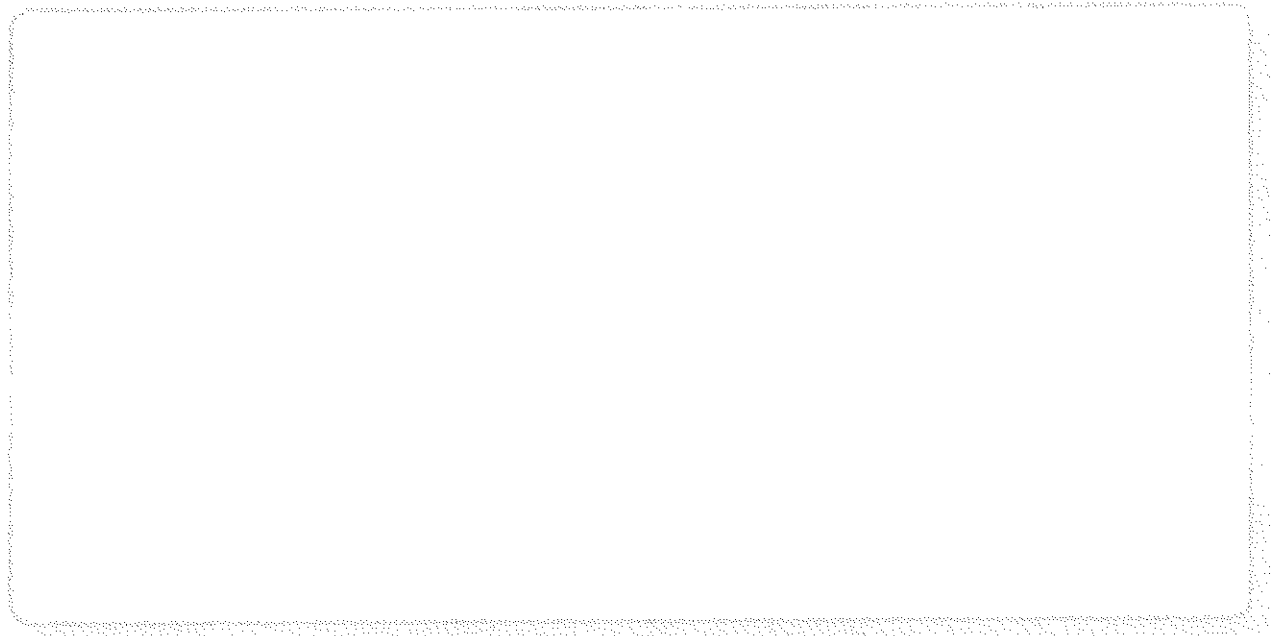
Use an answer from above in a sentence of your own.

Underline the word with the root in your sentence.

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Draw a picture for your sentence to help remind you of the word's meaning.



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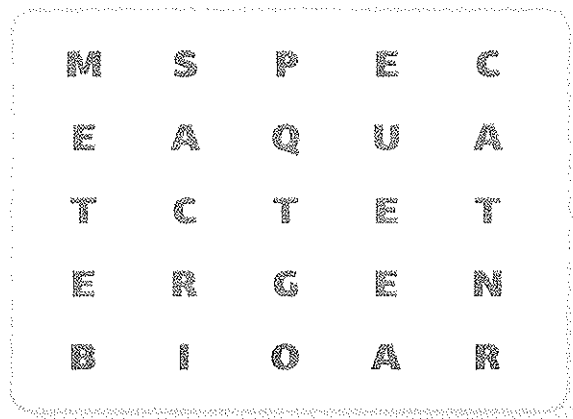
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## Word Search: Mystery Root

Read the clues. Write the answers on the lines.

1. This Latin root means *water*. \_\_\_\_\_
2. This Greek root means *life*. \_\_\_\_\_
3. This Latin root means *mother*. \_\_\_\_\_
4. This Latin root means *see or look*. \_\_\_\_\_
5. This Greek root means *birth or race*. \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your answers in the puzzle. Search down, across, and on the diagonal.



**BONUS** On the lines below, write the letters you did not circle in order from left to right, top to bottom.

\_\_\_\_\_

This Latin phrase means *and so on*. It is usually abbreviated using the first three letters. Write the abbreviation on the line.

\_\_\_\_\_

Use the abbreviation in a sentence of your own.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Root Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues. Use the roots in the box below and what you know about them to complete the puzzle.

**LATIN ROOTS** mater, aqua, spec      **GREEK ROOTS** bio, gen

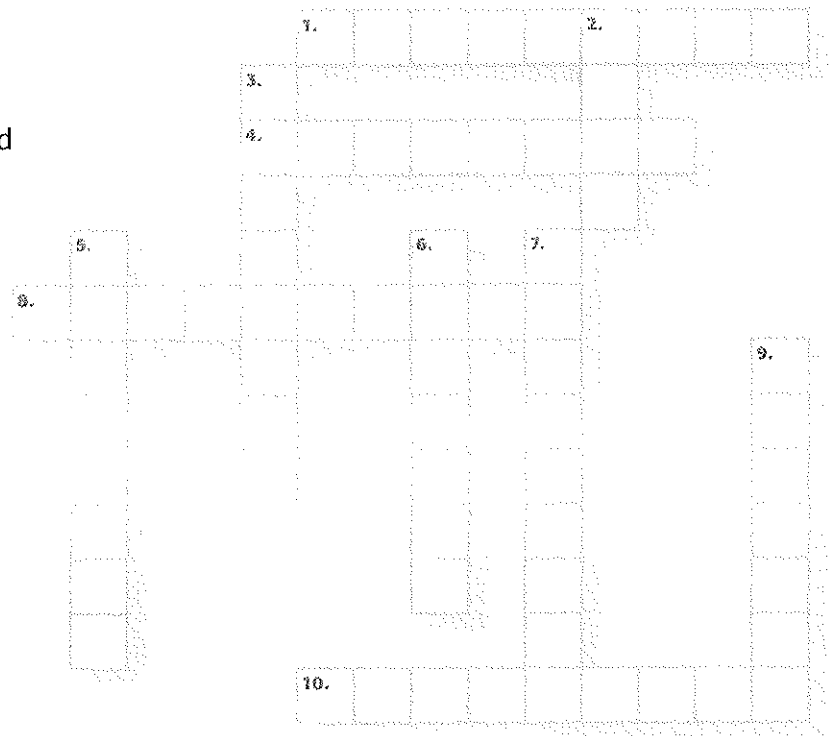
### CLUES

#### ACROSS

1. A sight to behold!
4. A tank fish live in
8. You and all the kids born around the same time
10. The state of being a mother

#### DOWN

2. A shade of blue
3. Having motherly feelings
5. To make or create something
6. A life science
7. One who investigates crimes
9. Children or offspring



On the back of this sheet, write a sentence that includes two or more words from the puzzle.

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## Word Cards

- ▶ Complete the word cards.
- ▶ Cut them out and tape or staple them to index cards.
- ▶ On the back, illustrate one word for each root.
- ▶ Add the Root Picture Card (page 55) from your teacher to the front or back of the card.

### LATIN ROOT *aqua* (also *aqu*)

Means \_\_\_\_\_

Words I know with *aqua*:

1. *Aquamarine* means \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Aquarium* means \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Aqualung* means \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other words I know with *aqua*:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### GREEK ROOT *bio*

Means \_\_\_\_\_

Words I know with *bio*:

1. *Biology* means \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Biography* means \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Autobiography* means \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other words I know with *bio*:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### LATIN ROOT *mater* (also *matr*)

Means \_\_\_\_\_

Words I know with *mater*:

1. *Alma mater* means \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Maternity* means \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Maternal* means \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other words I know with *mater*:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### GREEK ROOT *gen*

Means \_\_\_\_\_

Words I know with *gen*:

1. *Generate* means \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Generation* means \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Progeny* means \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other words I know with *gen*:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### LATIN ROOT *spec*

Means \_\_\_\_\_

Words I know with *spec*:

1. *Inspect* means \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Spectacle* means \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Spectator* means \_\_\_\_\_
4. Other words I know with *spec*:  
\_\_\_\_\_