

Root Words

4th Grade

The middle of a word — and the meaning everything else is built around.

A root carries the core meaning. Prefixes and suffixes change it around the edges.

Root	Means	Words built on it
port	carry	transport, portable, export
dict	say	dictate, predict, dictionary
struct	build	construct, structure, destruction
spect	look	inspect, spectator, respect
graph	write	autograph, paragraph, graphic
scrib	write	describe, scribble, prescription

One root unlocks a dozen words. Learning roots beats learning word lists.