Vocabulary Builders: Word Roots

Knowing Latin roots can boost vocabulary in a big way. That's because learning each one helps children figure out the meanings of the many words that contain the root. Share this list of common roots along with words they appear in.

Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	clar clear clarinet, declare clarion, clarify, clarity
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	cred believe credit, incredible creditable, discredit, credulous, credentials, credo, creed
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	fid trust confidential, confident fidelity, perfidy, confidant, diffident, bona fide
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	fort strength fort, effort fortitude, forte, fortify, fortress
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	frag, fract break fragile, fraction fractious, infraction, fragmented
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	mand to order demand, command countermand, remand, mandate, mandatory
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	port to carry transportation, support, portable, import, export portfolio
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	rupt break, burst disrupt, interrupt, corrupt, erupt rupture, abrupt, incorruptible



Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	sequ, segu follow sequence, consequence, sequel subsequently, consequently, obsequious, segue
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	sid, sed sit reside, residence, preside, president residual, residue, sedentary, sediment, assiduous, subside, subsidiary
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	scrib, scrip write describe, description, scribble, script inscribe, inscription, scribe, transcribe, transcript
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	string, stric bind, draw tightly strict, restrict astringent, constrict, stringent, strictures
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	ten, tain hold retain, detention, tenant tenacity, retention, tenet
Latin root Meaning of root Words you may know New words to learn	tract pull, draw, drag tractor, distract intractable, traction, extract, detract