

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

When I find geo, I know the word relates to the earth.

The suffix tells me what aspect of the earth the word describes.

When I combine geo with its suffix, I understand the whole word.

THIS WEEK’S FOCUS

Root geo

from **“A Difficult Compromise”**

This week we study the root geo (meaning earth) using words connected to “A Difficult Compromise.”

This deck teaches **the root geo (earth)** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.

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Introduce the Week

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“ ” = say word-for-word • ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

“This week we are studying syllable types. Our focus is word with the root geo syllables. The root geo means earth. Words with geo relate to the earth, land, or physical features of the world.”

▶ Show the cover. Read the exact TEKS wording aloud, then read the What does this mean to me box in your own warm voice.

“This week we study the root geo (meaning earth) using words connected to “A Difficult Compromise.””

▶ Point to the five thinking levels. Preview the week: we NOTICE, CHOOSE, SHOW, OWN, and DEFEND the pattern.

PREP & MATERIALS: the Root geo slide deck for Cluster 5 Module 1 . a class or student copy of “A Difficult Compromise” . the student tracking sheet . pencils

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name one word with the root geo from the reading and tell how they know.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student how reading the word would change if the word with the root geo pattern were different.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice a word with the root geo."

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Notice the word with the root geo.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the bold word and the root geo and its meaning (earth).

"The geography of the nation shaped how states were represented."

I CAN | I can notice a word with the root geo and name the root geo and its meaning (earth).

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Monday · NOTICE · Foundational

~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is NOTICE. I can notice a word with the root geo syllable."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Listen as I read the sentence. I am looking for the word with the root geo syllable in geography."

▶ Read the sentence aloud twice. Give think time, then have students copy the word on the NOTICE row of the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: geography. Geo means earth. Graph means writing. Geography means writing about the earth, or the study of the earth's features.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain the word with the root geo syllable in their own words.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may not identify the root geo and its meaning (earth). Guide them to the pattern.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know it is a word with the root geo syllable? Look for the root geo and its meaning (earth).

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

NOTICE at Foundational is about finding the word with the root geo syllable. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what the word would sound like without the word with the root geo pattern.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

"I can choose a word with the root geo."

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Choose the word with the root geo.

Read the sentence. Which word is a word with the root geo? Use the rule.

"Leaders used **geology** to understand the land around the nation."

A geology • **B** leaders • **C** nation

I CAN | I can choose the word with the root geo and explain how I know.

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Tuesday · CHOOSE · Developing

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is CHOOSE. I can choose a word with a word with the root geo syllable."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Read the sentence and all three choices. Only one word has the word with the root geo pattern."

▶ Have students choose privately, then share with a partner before you reveal the answer on slide 8.

ANSWER KEY: A. geology. Geo means earth. -Logy means the study of. Geology is the study of the earth. Geometry also has geo (geo = earth, metry = measure).

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name the root geo and its meaning (earth) in the answer.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may choose by ear. Use the rule to check the root geo and its meaning (earth).

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two words seem close. How do I pick? Check for the root geo and its meaning (earth).

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

CHOOSE at Developing is about selecting the word the rule fits. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to find another word with the root geo syllable in the sentence.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

SHOW

"I can show how a word with the root geo works."

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Show the word with the root geo.

Read the sentence. In the bold word, name the root geo and its meaning (earth).

"A geographer mapped the boundaries between states."

I CAN | I can show the root geo and its meaning (earth).

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Wednesday · SHOW · Independent

 ~4 min

" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is SHOW. I can show how a word with the root geo syllable works."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"The bold word is geographer. Name the root geo and its meaning (earth)."

▶ Take two or three answers. Push students to name all the parts.

ANSWER KEY: geographer. Geo means earth. Graph means write. -Er means one who. A geographer is one who writes about the earth.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to point to the root geo and its meaning (earth) in the word.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name only part of the pattern. Require all parts.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Can a word have more than one word with the root geo syllable? Yes, a longer word can.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

SHOW at Independent is about explaining how the rule works. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student what would change if the pattern were different.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can use the root geo to figure out a word's meaning."

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Own it. Read the longer word.

Split the word into its parts. Name the root geo and its meaning (earth).

geothermal
ge / o / ther / mal

I CAN | I can use the root geo to figure out a word's meaning.

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Thursday · OWN · Advanced

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is OWN. I can use the root geo to figure out a word's meaning."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"Geothermal is a longer word. Split it and read each syllable."

▶ Model the cover-and-read once, then have students split the word on the OWN row of the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: ge / o / ther / mal. Geo means earth. Therm means heat. - Al means relating to. Geothermal means relating to heat from the earth.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to name each syllable in geothermal and its type.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may read the first syllable with the wrong vowel sound. Guide them to the pattern.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

How do I know where to split the word? Look for the syllable boundary.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

OWN at Advanced is about using the rule inside a longer word. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to apply the rule to another longer word.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

"I can prove that a word has the root geo."

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Defend the rule.

Prove the bold word follows the rule. Name the root geo and its meaning (earth).

"The **geographic** differences between North and South caused disagreement."

I CAN | I can prove that a word has the root geo.

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Friday · DEFEND · Reflective

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" " = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

"Today's thinking job is **DEFEND**. I can prove that a word has the root geo."

▶ Read the I can statement aloud, then the task on the slide.

"For **geographic**, name the root geo and its meaning (earth) and prove it."

▶ Have students write a because statement on the **DEFEND** row, then share two strong answers.

ANSWER KEY: geographic. Geo means earth. Graph means write. -lc means relating to. Geographic means relating to the features of the earth.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Ask a student to explain how they proved geographic follows the rule.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may name the whole word instead of the root geo and its meaning (earth). Require all parts.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Is every word with this pattern word with the root geo? Yes, if it has the root geo and its meaning (earth).

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

DEFEND at Reflective is about proving the rule. Keep the demand at this level.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to defend why another word in the sentence is NOT a word with the root geo syllable.

Find a word with the root geo on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one word with the root geo. Copy the sentence and name the root geo and its meaning (earth).

**Go back to the reading.
Find one word with the root geo.
Copy the exact sentence. Then name the root geo and its
meaning (earth).**

I CAN | I can find a word with the root geo and prove it.

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Independent Practice · YOUR TURN

 ~5 min

“ ” = say word-for-word · ▶ = teacher direction (do not read aloud)

“Now it is your turn to find a word with the root geo syllable on your own.”

▶ Read the Your Turn task. Students work independently on the tracking sheet.

“Copy the exact sentence. Then name the root geo and its meaning (earth).”

▶ Circulate and note who can name all the parts without help.

ANSWER KEY: geocentric. Geo means earth. Centr means center. -ic means relating to. Geocentric means having the earth at the center.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Scan for students who name the root geo and its meaning (earth) together.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Students may write a word without naming all the parts. Require the root geo and its meaning (earth).

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

What if my word has more than one syllable? Pick the syllable that is word with the root geo and prove it.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Independent practice shows who owns the rule. Look for the root geo and its meaning (earth).

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask an early finisher to check their word by reading it aloud.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE geography. Geo means earth. Graph means writing. Geography means writing about the earth, or the study of the earth's features.

CHOOSE A. geology. Geo means earth. -Logy means the study of. Geology is the study of the earth. Leaders and nation do not contain geo.

SHOW geographer. Geo means earth. Graph means write. -Er means one who. A geographer is one who writes about the earth.

OWN ge / o / ther / mal. Geo means earth. Therm means heat. -Al means relating to. Geothermal means relating to heat from the earth.

DEFEND geographic. Geo means earth. Graph means write. -Ic means relating to. Geographic means relating to the features of the earth.

YOUR TURN geocentric. Geo means earth. Centr means center. -Ic means relating to. Geocentric means having the earth at the center.

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Review the Answers

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“Let's check our work across the five thinking levels.”

▶ Reveal the answer slide one row at a time. Have students check their own tracking sheets.

“If you missed one, that is where your learning is. Go back to the word and find the pattern.”

▶ Celebrate students who explained the rule, not only students who named the word.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain the rule, not just name the word.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Naming the word without the root geo and its meaning (earth). Ask how and why for at least two answers.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why not just memorize the list? Because readers meet new words in books and tests, and the rule reads them.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Reviewing is where OWN turns into DEFEND. Push for the root geo and its meaning (earth).

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to explain what would change if the syllable type were different.

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“The geography of the nation shaped representation. ... A geographer mapped boundaries. ... Geographic differences caused disagreement.”

In which word does the root geo mean earth?

A compromise

B congress

C geography

D population

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Show What You Know

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“Here is a test-style question, the kind you see on the state assessment.”

▶ Read the excerpt and the question aloud.

“Read all four choices before you decide. The best answer is the one the rule fits.”

▶ Give think time. Students choose privately and bubble their letter on the tracking sheet.

ANSWER KEY: The answer is C.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students choose by the rule, not by which word looks familiar.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Choosing by guess or by a word they like. Check the pattern in each choice.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Two answers seem close. How do I pick? Check for the root geo and its meaning (earth).

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

A clean test item is DEFEND in action under assessment conditions.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask why each wrong choice is wrong, which leads into the next slide.

The answer is C.

A **compromise**
Compromise does not contain the root geo.

B **congress**
Congress does not contain the root geo.

C **geography** **Correct.**
Geo means earth. Graph means write. Geography is writing about the earth.

D **population**
Population does not contain the root geo.

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The Answer, and Why

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"The correct answer is C. The most important part is understanding why."

▶ Reveal each choice's reason. Spend the most time on the wrong answers.

"Each wrong choice is a real word from the reading, but it does not fit the pattern."

▶ Have students write one sentence on the tracking sheet explaining why the correct answer is right.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Students can explain why the correct word fits the rule.

COMMON MISCONCEPTION

Knowing the answer but not why. Insist on the reason.

POSSIBLE STUDENT QUESTION

Why is the second choice wrong? Because it has a different syllable type.

RPLD EVIDENCE & ADVICE

Explaining the distractors is the highest DEFEND move of the week.

RAISE THE THINKING

Ask a student to write a new sentence using a word with the root geo syllable word and prove the rule.