

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“determine the meaning of and use words with affixes such as mis, sub, ment, and ity or ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

A root is the main word part that carries the meaning.

The Latin root terr means earth or land.

Add prefixes and suffixes to the root to build new words.

THE SPELLING RULE**Root terr, meaning earth**

terrain territory terrace terrarium terrier
terrestrial territorial terracotta subterranean
terra

The Latin root terr means earth or land.

WHERE THEY APPEAR: “The terrier dug across the rough terrain.”

This deck teaches **Root terr, meaning earth** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE** → **CHOOSE** → **SHOW** → **OWN** → **DEFEND**.

TEKS NOTE: Spelling application: TEKS 4.2.B. Grade 4 names roots in the vocabulary standard 4.3.C; roots as a spelling standard begin at 5.2.B.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the root."

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Notice the root.

Find the root inside the word.

terrain = terr + ain

I CAN I can notice the root in a word.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

"I can choose the correct spelling."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

"determine the meaning of and use words with affixes such as mis, sub, ment, and ity or ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter"

Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling is correct?

territory • teritory • territery

I CAN I can choose the correctly spelled word.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

SHOW

"I can show the rule with a root word."

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"determine the meaning of and use words with affixes such as mis, sub, ment, and ity or ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter"

Show the rule.

Build or spell the word.

terr + ace = _____

I CAN I can build the word correctly.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Build a new word on your own.

terr + arium = _____

I CAN I can spell a new word on my own.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain the root, then spell one word of your own.

"The terrier explored the whole territory," she said.

I CAN I can explain the root and use a word in my own writing.

Your turn to spell.

Build each word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

terr + ain → _____ **terr + itory** → _____ **terr + ace** → _____ **terr + arium** →
_____ **terr + ier** → _____

I CAN I can spell words with the root on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

terrain = terr + ain.

CHOOSE

territory is correct.

SHOW

terr + ace = terrace.

OWN

terr + arium = terrarium.

DEFEND

The root keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be territory, terrace, or terrarium.

YOUR TURN

terrain, territory, terrace, terrarium, terrier

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Which word correctly completes the sentence? The hikers crossed rocky _____.

Which word correctly completes the sentence?

A terrain

B terane

C terrane

D terrian

The answer is **A**.

A terrain · Correct. The root terr means earth or land.

B terane · Uses one r and drops an i.

C terrane · Uses one r.

D terrian · Reverses ai to ia.