

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words using knowledge of prefixes, suffixes, and roots, including Greek and Latin roots”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

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

The Greek root geo means earth.

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

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

geography geology geometry geographic
geographer geothermal geode geologist
geologic geoscience

The Greek root geo means earth.

WHERE THEY APPEAR: “In geography we study the earth, and in geometry we study shapes.”

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

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the root."

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Notice the root.

Find the root inside the word.

geography = geo + graphy

I CAN I can notice the root in a word.

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CHOOSE

"I can choose the correct spelling."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling is correct?

geography • geograpy • geografy

I CAN I can choose the correctly spelled word.

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SHOW

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

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Show the rule.

Build or spell the word.

geo + logy = _____

I CAN I can build the word correctly.

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OWN

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

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Own the rule.

Build a new word on your own.

geo + metry = _____

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.

"A geologist studies the earth in geology," 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.

geo + graphy → _____ **geo + logy** → _____ **geo + metry** → _____ **geo +**
thermal → _____ **geo + de** → _____

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

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

geography = geo + graphy.

CHOOSE

geography is correct.

SHOW

geo + logy = geology.

OWN

geo + metry = geometry.

DEFEND

The root keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be geology, geometry, or geographic.

YOUR TURN

geography, geology, geometry, geothermal, geode

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Which word correctly completes the sentence? In _____ we study the earth and its maps.

Which word correctly completes the sentence?

A geography

B geograpy

C geografly

D jeography

The answer is **A**.

A geography · Correct. geo means earth and graph means write.

B geograpy · Leaves out the h.

C geograffy · Spells graph with f.

D jeography · Uses j for the g sound.