

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 photo means light.

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

THE SPELLING RULE**Root photo, meaning light**

photograph photosynthesis photography
photocopy photographer photogenic telephoto
photon photographic photojournalist

The Greek root photo means light.

WHERE THEY APPEAR: “Plants use photosynthesis, and we take a photograph in good light.”

This deck teaches **Root photo, meaning light** 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.

photograph = photo + graph

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?

photograph • fotograph • fotograf

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.

photo + synthesis = _____

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.

photo + copy = _____

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

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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.

"Plants make food from light through photosynthesis," 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.

photo + graph → _____ **photo + synthesis** → _____ **photo + graphy** → _____
photo + copy → _____ **photo + genic** → _____

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

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

photograph = photo + graph.

CHOOSE

photograph is correct.

SHOW

photo + synthesis = photosynthesis.

OWN

photo + copy = photocopy.

DEFEND

The root keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be photosynthesis, photography, or photocopy.

YOUR TURN

photograph, photosynthesis, photography, photocopy, photogenic

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Each choice is one way to spell the same word.

Which word is spelled correctly?

A photograph

B fotograph

C fotograf

D phottograph

The answer is **A**.

A photograph · Correct. photo spells the f sound with ph.

B fotograph · Spells photo with f.

C photograp · Spells graph with f.

D phottograph · Doubles the t.