

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 root graph means write; the root scope means see.

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

THE SPELLING RULE**Roots graph and scope**

autograph periscope paragraph telescope
microscope photograph biography kaleidoscope
telegraph geography

The root graph means write; the root scope means see.

WHERE THEY APPEAR: “She wrote a paragraph and looked through the periscope.”

This deck teaches **Roots graph and scope** 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.

autograph = auto + 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?

periscope • periscoup • periskope

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.

para + graph = _____

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.

tele + scope = _____

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 captain used a periscope to see above the water," 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.

auto + graph → _____ **peri + scope** → _____ **para + graph** → _____ **tele +**
scope → _____ **micro + scope** → _____

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

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

autograph = auto + graph.

CHOOSE

periscope is correct.

SHOW

para + graph = paragraph.

OWN

tele + scope = telescope.

DEFEND

The root keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be periscope, paragraph, or telescope.

YOUR TURN

autograph, periscope, paragraph, telescope, microscope

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Each choice is one way to spell the same word.

Which word is spelled correctly?

A periscope

B periscoup

C periskope

D paeriscope

The answer is **A**.

A periscope · Correct. scope means see.

B periscoup · Spells scope with ou.

C periskope · Uses k for the c sound.

D paeriscope · Adds an extra a.