

I Root words and word origins

Use a dictionary to find each word’s root, where it comes from and what it means.

1 Complete the chart. The first row is done for you.

Word	Root	Meaning of root	Origin	Meaning of word
autograph	auto + graph	self + write	Greek	a person’s own signature
microscope				
portable				
geography				
dictate				
thermometer				
spectator				
structure				

2 Write two more words that share each root.

port (carry) _____ graph (write) _____

spect (look) _____ dict (say) _____

3 Circle the root in each word.

transport

paragraph

inspect

predict

construct

thermal

microphone

geology