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WHY STUDY READING?

God gave mankind the gifts of speaking, listening, and reading so that every person could communicate with every other person and with God Himself. Reading is different from both speaking and listening because it gives people of today the opportunity to communicate with people who lived many hundreds of years ago. Learning to read better will enable you to understand more easily and quickly the things that the Holy Spirit wishes to reveal to believers. God has chosen the Holy Bible as the primary means for revealing His will.

This LIFEPAK® will help you to read more accurately and to understand more specifically all of the things you read, including the Scriptures. Better yet, you will be able to read many unfamiliar words more accurately without having to stop as often to use a dictionary. The skills you practice in this LIFEPAK will enable you to better understand God, yourself, and the people around you. You will have a better understanding of God because you will recognize and understand more words in the Scriptures. You will understand yourself better by being able to read what others have written about experiences held in common by all human beings. You will understand others better by being able to interpret intelligently the meanings of words which still might be unfamiliar to you.

In this LIFEPAK you will study both Greek and Latin prefixes and roots. By knowing the meanings of these word parts, you will be able to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words formed from these word parts. You will find word meanings and pronunciation hints by using context clues or by using the dictionary. By finding main ideas in sentences and paragraphs, you will learn to study more effectively. Finally, by analyzing the structure and elements of a textbook, you will be able to find information more efficiently.

OBJECTIVES

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAK.

When you have completed this LIFEPAK, you should be able to:

1. Recognize commonly encountered Greek and Latin prefixes and roots.
2. Determine more accurately the meanings of words containing Greek and Latin prefixes and roots.
3. Demonstrate an improved vocabulary in your schoolwork.
4. Show an improvement in your word deciphering skills.
5. Identify and use a variety of context clues in interpreting unfamiliar words encountered while listening or reading.
6. Pronounce words accurately in standard English.
7. Demonstrate the ability to decide correctly when to use a dictionary to aid pronunciation and when to use context clues for a working definition to aid reading.
8. Extract the most important information from a paragraph through the use of key words and details.
9. Locate the most important sentence in a paragraph.
10. Identify the levels of importance of main ideas and supportive details in textbooks by noticing various sizes and styles of print.

Survey the LIFEPAK. Ask yourself some questions about this study. Write your questions here.

I. USING PREFIXES AND ROOTS

The English language contains elements borrowed from many different languages. Many words are formed from only a few basic word elements. In this section you will study both Greek and Latin prefixes. These prefixes, or word parts, are added to the front of a word to modify, or change, its basic meaning.

When you learn how to bolt a word together with prefix and root, you will be able to read more rapidly and knowledgeably. You will seldom have to interrupt someone to ask the meaning of an unfamiliar word. You will refer to a dictionary less frequently. You will not be embarrassed because you cannot understand the words a person might use.

SECTION OBJECTIVES

Review these objectives. When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

1. Recognize commonly encountered Greek and Latin prefixes and roots.
2. Determine more accurately the meanings of words containing Greek and Latin prefixes and roots.
3. Demonstrate an increased vocabulary in your schoolwork.
4. Show an improvement in your vocabulary deciphering skills.

GREEK PREFIXES

The Greeks, fascinated by the sky, the earth, man, and God, developed an insatiable curiosity about all creation. Many hundreds of years before the birth of Christ, the Greeks discovered, named, and developed explanations for the stars and planets, the seasons, night and day, the physical laws, the human anatomy and physiology, and the supernatural. Because they were accurate observers of particular things, the Greeks developed precise and specific statements dealing with ideas of position, size, and scope. The Greek language thus contained few vague words.

The following chart contains some frequently encountered Greek prefixes. These prefixes appear repeatedly in general reading as well as in specific subject matter. As you become familiar with these prefixes, you will become able to decipher the meanings of unfamiliar words containing these prefixes. The following prefixes have been listed in related pairs to help you to recall them later.

When You See	It Means	The Opposite Prefix Is	It Means
ec-	out of	en-	into
ex-, exo-	out from	em-, endo-	within
epi-	upon	hypo-	under, underneath
poly-	many	mono-	one
syl-	with	anti-	against
sym-, syn-	together	a-, an-, apo-	away from

Not all Greek prefixes have opposite equivalents in English. Notice the following list.

a-	not	meta-	across
amphi-	both	pan-	all
cata-	down	para-	beside
dia-	through	peri-	around
eu-	good	pro-	before

**Complete the following activities.**

- 1.1 Most Greek prefixes seem to act as what part of speech? _____
- 1.2 Make flash cards by following these directions:
- Cut 2 1/2 x 3 inch rectangles from tag board or from construction paper, using green, red, and yellow paper.
 - Write the Greek prefixes from the first column on the red cards.
 - Write the opposite Greek prefix on the green cards.
 - Write the prefixes having no opposite counterpart on the yellow cards.
 - Write the English translation of each prefix on the reverse side of each card.
 - a. How many of the sixteen prefixes can you identify? If you missed more than three, drill for another five minutes.
 - b. Now, how many can you identify? _____



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- 1.3 Write some words from your own vocabulary that are formed from the prefixes you have just studied. Try to use as many different prefixes as possible.
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| a. _____ | i. _____ |
| b. _____ | j. _____ |
| c. _____ | k. _____ |
| d. _____ | l. _____ |
| e. _____ | m. _____ |
| f. _____ | n. _____ |
| g. _____ | o. _____ |
| h. _____ | p. _____ |

The following list of twenty-one words is often found on precollege tests.



Write in Column A the prefix used in the word on the left. In Column B write the meaning of the prefix. Refer to a dictionary as needed.

	A	B
1.4 apathetic	a. _____	b. _____
1.5 apostasy	a. _____	b. _____
1.6 analgesic	a. _____	b. _____
1.7 ecstasy	a. _____	b. _____
1.8 expulsion	a. _____	b. _____
1.9 exorcise	a. _____	b. _____
1.10 epidermis	a. _____	b. _____
1.11 embolism	a. _____	b. _____
1.12 endophyte	a. _____	b. _____
1.13 prognosis	a. _____	b. _____
1.14 catastrophe	a. _____	b. _____
1.15 antipathy	a. _____	b. _____

- 1.16 hyperbole a. _____ b. _____
- 1.17 hypochondria a. _____ b. _____
- 1.18 monogamy a. _____ b. _____
- 1.19 polygon a. _____ b. _____
- 1.20 syllogism a. _____ b. _____
- 1.21 symposium a. _____ b. _____
- 1.22 synthesis a. _____ b. _____
- 1.23 euphoria a. _____ b. _____
- 1.24 pantheism a. _____ b. _____

LATIN PREFIXES

Latin was the language used by the early Roman people. The Romans conquered the Greeks and most of the tribes and nations of Eastern Europe, Western Europe, and Northern Africa. For many centuries Latin influence was reflected in language, law, trade, social customs, philosophy, and religion. During the more than five hundred years of Roman rule, laws were developed, language was stabilized, nations were subjugated, literature was produced, and foreign cultures were absorbed into a sprawling system that stretched from England to Egypt and from Carthage to just outside of Constantinople. Maintaining a vast population of slaves who were captured in battle and who brought in new influences, Rome borrowed the ideas, the skills, the crafts, the style of dress, and even the gods that she found useful.

As a result of these influences, the Latin language developed a wide scope of words and word elements expressing ideas dealing with every area of life. Some of the elements survive in English today in prefix form. How many prefixes can you recognize in the following list?

When You See	It Means	The Opposite Prefix Is	It Means
ad-	toward, to	contra-, dis	opposite, against
bene-	good	mal-	bad
co-, com-, con-	with, together	ab-, di-	away, apart from, two
em-	into	e-, ex-, ef-	out of, away
magn-	great	mini-	small
neo-	new	sen-	old
pre-, pro-, ante-	before, in front of	post-	after
super	above	sub-	under

Not all Latin prefixes have opposite equivalents in English. Study the following list.

circum-	around	per-	through
extra-	beyond, outside of	re-	back again
		semi-	half
in-	not	trans-	across
ir-	into, not	ultra-	beyond
inter-	between	un-	not