



Objective

The student will identify words with common roots and related meanings.

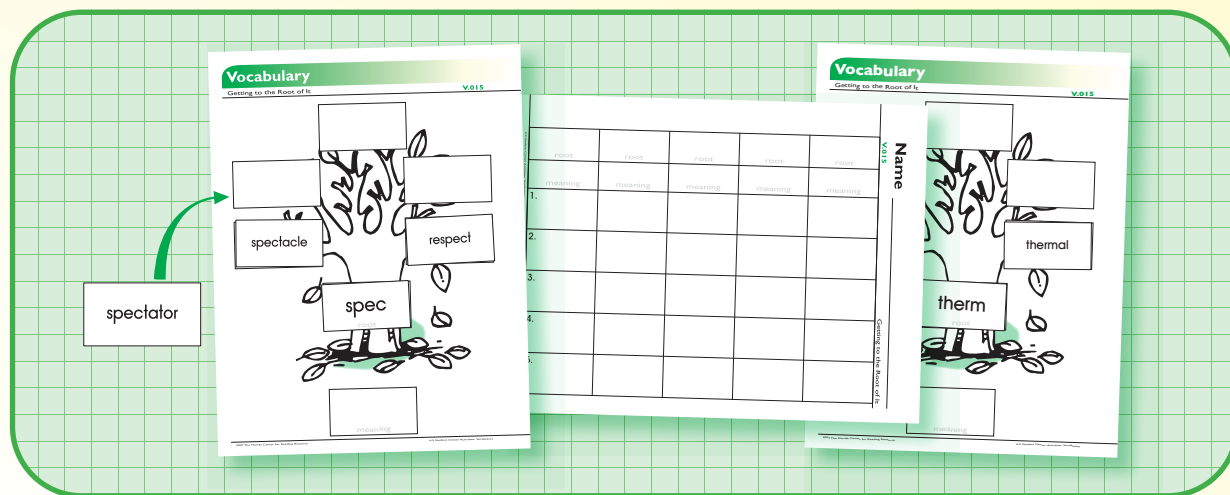
Materials

- ▶ Tree sorting board
Copy five times and laminate.
- ▶ Word, root, and meaning cards
Note: Roots used are photo, rupt, script, spec, therm.
- ▶ Student sheet
- ▶ Dictionaries
- ▶ Pencils

Activity

Students group words with common roots and related meanings by using a sorting board.

1. Place the word, root, and meaning cards face down in one stack. Place tree sorting boards face up in a row. Provide each student with a student sheet and a dictionary.
2. Taking turns, students select a card and read it (e.g., spectator). Place the card in one of the boxes on a tree. Note: Words containing a common root are placed on the same tree (e.g., *thermal* and *thermos* are on one; *spectacle* and *respect* are on another). Root cards are placed at the bottom of the tree in designated box (e.g., spec). Meaning cards are placed at the bottom of the sorting board in designated box (i.e., see).
3. Continue selecting, reading, and placing words until all cards are sorted on trees. Record root, root meaning, and words on student sheet.
4. Discuss meanings of the roots and corresponding words. Use dictionary, as needed.
5. Teacher evaluation



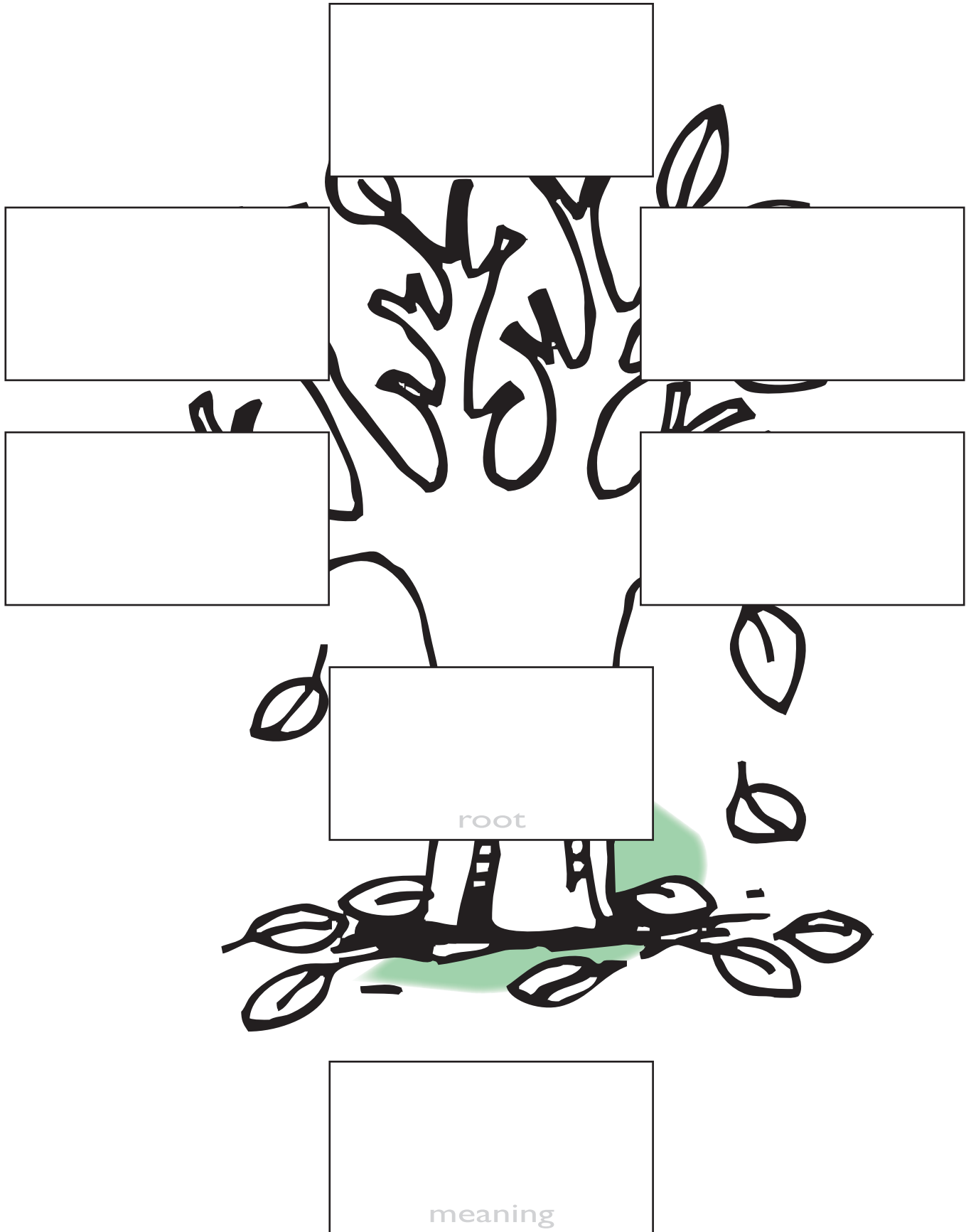
Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Choose one root and write the words and their meanings on back of student sheet.
- ▶ Make other root and word cards.
- ▶ Write other roots and related words.
- ▶ Play memory game with cards by matching words with common roots.

Vocabulary

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photo root	rupt root	script root
light meaning	break meaning	write meaning
photogenic	erupt	prescription
photographer	interrupt	description
telephoto	disrupt	inscription
photography	rupture	manuscript
photograph	bankrupt	transcript

word, root, and meaning cards



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therm root	spec root	root
heat meaning	see meaning	meaning
thermostat	spectator	
thermodynamic	respect	
thermos	suspect	
thermometer	inspect	
thermal	spectacle	

word, root, and meaning cards



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root	meaning					
root	meaning	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
root	meaning					
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root	root	root
meaning	meaning	meaning

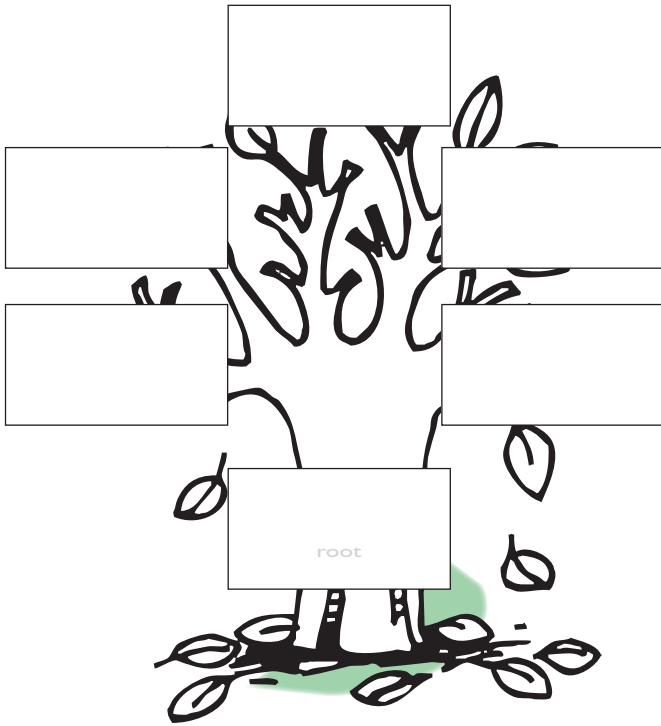
blank word, root, and meaning cards



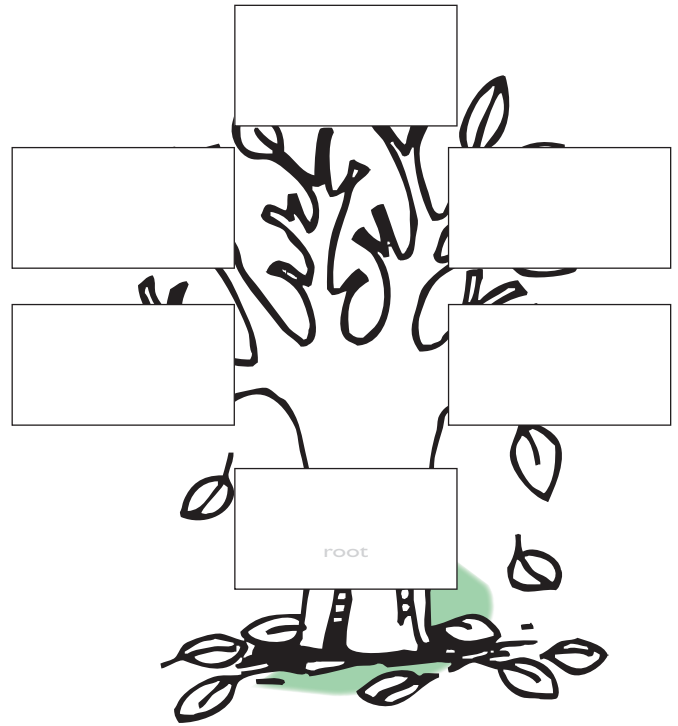
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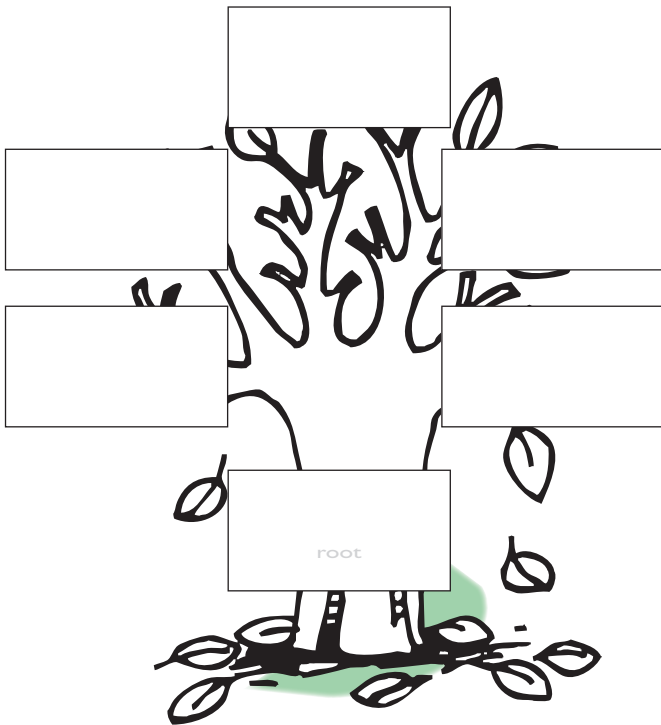
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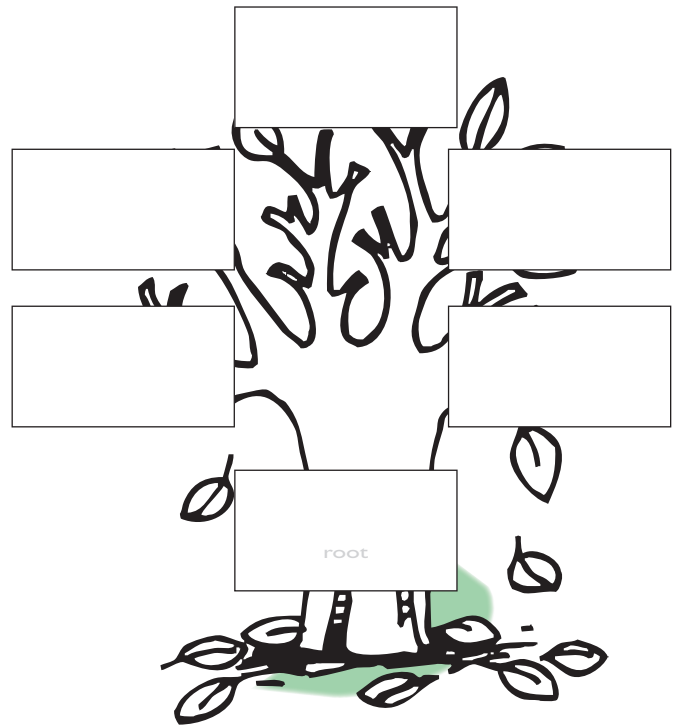
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