

## Root Words

Roots give words their meanings. We usually use the term root word when the root is a recognisable whole English word such as “sign.” Root words can help us to spell by understanding the meaning of the root words and building onto these words. E.g.

**Sign**                      **signal**                      **signature**

Not all roots make words on their own. E.g:

**hydr**                      **hydroelectric**                      **dehydrate**    **hydrant**  
(meaning water)

Make as many words as you can from the following list of roots. If you don't know the meaning of the word, look it up and write the meaning next to it.

1. **gon** (angle)
2. **Photo** (light)
3. **multi** (many)
4. **aero** (air)
5. **meter** (measuring device)
6. **opt** (eye)
7. **mar** (sea)
8. **sect** (cut)