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What Is a Root?

A **root** is a word part that carries meaning. Many English words are built from roots that came from older languages such as Latin.

When you learn a root, you can often understand a new word more easily.

Here are a few simple Latin roots:

- **aqua** = water
- **terra** = earth or land
- **port** = carry
- **scrib/script** = write

Now look at some English words:

- **aquarium** has to do with water
- **territory** has to do with land
- **transport** has to do with carrying
- **manuscript** has to do with writing

You do not have to know every word at once. The important thing is to notice the pattern. Words are not random. Many of them are built from meaningful pieces.

Vocabulary

- **Root** — a word part that carries meaning
- **Latin** — an ancient language that shaped many English words
- **Vocabulary** — the words we know and use

Reflection

How can knowing a root help you understand a new word?