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Latin and Greek Root Words: Geo and Terra

Latin and Greek are the source of many root words in English. Geo comes from the Latin word meaning “earth” or “ground.” Terra/terr/ter are from another Latin word meaning “earth” or “land.” When combined with a suffix or another rootword, geo and terra/terr/ter become common English words. Forexample, in is a prefix meaning “in.” Combine in with ter, and you have the word inter. Based on its original meaning, inter means “in land” or bury a person in the earth.

Use the list of suffixes, word endings, and root words in the word bank to make five different English words out of geo and terra/terr/ ter. You may add a prefix, an additional suffix, or change the spelling a little if needed. Write a sentence for each word you make and circle the word you made from the root word. Be sure and find words for both geo and terra/terr/ter.

Word Bank

1. Sentences:

2.

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Answers key

Actual answers may vary.

Sentences:

1. Student's choice

2.

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