

Where do words come from?

Many words in English have their origins in other languages.
Can you add to these lists? Try doing your own research.

Greek

<i>anthropology</i>	<i>dialogue</i>
<i>automatic</i>	<i>perimeter</i>
<i>century</i>	<i>philharmonic</i>
<i>democracy</i>	<i>unique</i>

Latin

<i>aqueduct</i>	<i>postscript</i>
<i>circumnavigate</i>	<i>submerge</i>
<i>hemisphere</i>	<i>supersonic</i>
<i>hexagonal</i>	<i>transport</i>

French

<i>ballet</i>	<i>parachute</i>
<i>brochure</i>	<i>quiche</i>
<i>chef</i>	<i>secret</i>
<i>crochet</i>	<i>trumpet</i>

Some of these words are difficult to spell.
How can we make it easier?

Break words down or build them up.

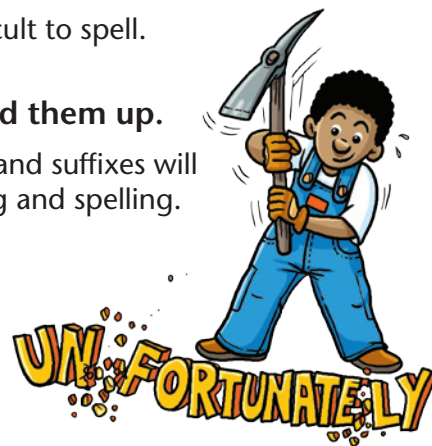
Knowing your prefixes, roots and suffixes will help you to work out meaning and spelling.

reaction

re + act + ion
prefix + root + suffix

We can also create
compound words
by joining two root words.

housework firework firelight lighthouse



mis
over
anti
in/im/ir/il/un
auto
re
dis
en
deci
pre
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