

# English From The Roots Up

## Volume 1

### Games to play with flashcards

**Bean Bag Toss:** Lay out flashcards face down on the floor. Toss the bean bag, turn over the card and either tell its meaning or the word that goes to the definition.

You can also just do roots or just the meaning.

Another option would be to give a derivative of the root. So if the student turns over 'photo', he would then say, 'photo, means light. Photograph is a derivative.'

**Option 2:** Place derivatives\* face down. Toss the bean bag, turn over the card and tell the meaning of the derivative. So if the student turned over 'photograph' he would say, 'Photograph, photo means light, graph means write or draw. Photograph means picture drawn by light.'

**Basketball:** Players takes a shot at the trashcan/box/etc. First show a flashcard to the student. If he answers correctly then he can have a shot at the basket. If the student gets the ball in the basket then he wins 2 points. If the student hits the basket without going inside then he wins 1 point. The person who gets the most points is the winner. This can also be played in teams.

**Concentration:** Place flashcards face down on the floor. Take turns in turning over 2 cards (saying the cards aloud). If the cards match (root and definition) then the player keeps the cards. If the cards are different the cards are turned back over again in their original places. The player with the most pairs at the end of the game is the winner.

**Cross the River:** Place flashcards on floor in winding manner. Each represents a stepping stone in the river, as students must say root or definition in order to step on it and cross the river!

**Spin the Bottle:** Sit players in a circle with a bottle in the middle. Teacher or Parent spins the bottle. When it stops spinning the player it is pointing to is shown a flashcard and asked to say either the root or definition. If the answer is correct then that player can spin the bottle. This is a good vocab review activity.

You can also have the player give a derivative of the root.

Another option would be to play with derivative\* cards and have the player give its meaning. Ex. telephoto is shown, student says, 'Tele means far away, distant. Photo means light. Telephoto means light from far away.'

*\*You will have to make derivative cards out of index cards.*

photos

graph

tele

metron

tropos

philia

phobos

syn

thesis

kinesis

phone

sonus

skopeo

video  
visum

logos

verbum

nomen  
nominis

pro

prae

ad

jacio  
jactum

pono  
positum

cum

figo  
fixum

jungo  
junctum

digitus

caput  
capitis

manus



pes  
pedis

bracchium

dens  
dentis

corpus  
corporis

unus

duo

tres

quattuor

quinque

sex

septem

octo

novem

decem

centum

mille

pyro

ignis

vulcanus

hydros

aqua

bonus

helios

sol

luna

dia

trans

geo

terra

dormio  
dormitum

hypnos

annus



lithos

petros

astron

stella

dendron

arbor  
arboris

chronos

tempus  
temporis

para

inter

technē

ars  
artis

bios

vivo  
victum

mikros

megas

magnus

pater  
patris

mater  
matris

frater  
fratris

demos

populus

polis

urbs  
urbis

pathos

autos

thermos

curro  
cursum

zoon

verto  
versum

facio  
factum

scribo  
scriptum



plico  
plicatum

dico  
dictum

biblos

liber  
libri

scio  
scitum

discipulus

sauros

amo  
amatum

light

to write  
or draw

far away,  
distant

measure

turning

love,  
friendship

fear

with,  
together

put, place,  
position

movement

sound

sound

look at, inspect,  
consider,  
examine

see

word  
study

word

name

for, before,  
forward,  
in place of

before,  
in front of

to, toward;  
near, next to

throw

lay, put,  
place

with  
together

fix, fasten,  
attach



join, unite,  
connect

finger, toe,  
inch

head

hand

foot

arm

tooth

body

one

two

three

four

five

six

seven

eight

nine

ten

hundred

thousand

fire

fire

Vulcan-  
Roman god  
of fire

water

water

good

sun

sun

moon

through,  
between,  
across, apart

across, over,  
beyond,  
through

earth



land

sleep

sleep

year

stone

stone,  
rock

star

star

tree

tree

time

time

beside,  
along with

between,  
among, amid

art, skill

art, skill

life

live

small

great,  
large, big

big, large,  
great

father

mother

brother

the people,  
the citizens

people

city

city

feeling,  
suffering

self

heat

run



animal

turn

make, do

write

fold

speak, say

book

book

know

student

lizard

love