



Practice

1. Many words have Latin roots. Copy the table and fill in the words from the box in the correct columns. The first one has been done for you.

Latin word	Meaning	English words which come from it
signum	mark	sign signal
specto	I look	
tractum	drawn away	
scribo	I write	
verbum	word	

verbal
spectator
inscribe
proverb
sign
subtract
signal
manuscript
detract
spectacles

2. Think of one more word you could put in each column of the table you have just completed above.

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1. Here are some more Latin roots, and one word which comes from each. Think of as many more English words as possible which come from the same root. Write your words in your book.

Latin word	Meaning	English words which come from it
positum	placed	deposit
pendeo	I hang	suspend
terra	land	terrace
primus	first	prime
annus	year	annual
civis	citizen	civic
fortis	strong	fortify



So – what have you learned about root words?