

**VOCABULARY**  
FROM

**LATIN** AND

**GREEK**  
**ROOTS**

A STUDY OF  
WORD FAMILIES

**INTRODUCTION**



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**3RD EDITION**



# INTRODUCTION

The first slide provides the vocabulary word.  
Use this to begin thinking about the definition.



# INTRODUCTION

The first click will reveal a context in which the word might be used. Infer the definition of the word by studying its context.



# INTRODUCTION

A second click provides the definition of the word.



## Unit One

# ERG, URG

Greek ERGON, “work”

## SURGICAL

The rifle battalion, made up of the best marksmen in the world, targeted its enemy with *surgical* exactness.

*adj.* very precise; clear and accurate  
G. *kheir*, “hand” + *ergon* = *hand-work*



## Unit One

# ERG, URG

Greek ERGON, “work”

## ENERGETIC

Whenever the weather was too hot, Ethan was not interested in *energetic* activity and preferred to stay home in air-conditioned comfort.

*adj.* active and lively

G. *en*, “in” + *ergon* = *into work*

syn: active

ant: sluggish; tired



## Unit Two

# POS, PON

Latin PONERE, POSITUM, “to place; to put”

## COMPOSURE

Scott managed to sing three of the songs without laughing, but he lost his *composure* when he saw the goofy face his friend in the front row made.

*n.* control over expression and action

L. *com*, “together” + *positum* = *to put together; staying together*

syn: poise

ant: agitation; worry



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## EXPONENTIAL

The *exponential* growth of the deer population in the area made us wonder if most natural predators of deer had been eliminated.

*adj.* steadily increasing

L. *ex*, “out of” + *ponere* = *to place out of*



## Unit Two

# THES, THET

Greek THESIS, “placing” THETOS, “having been placed”

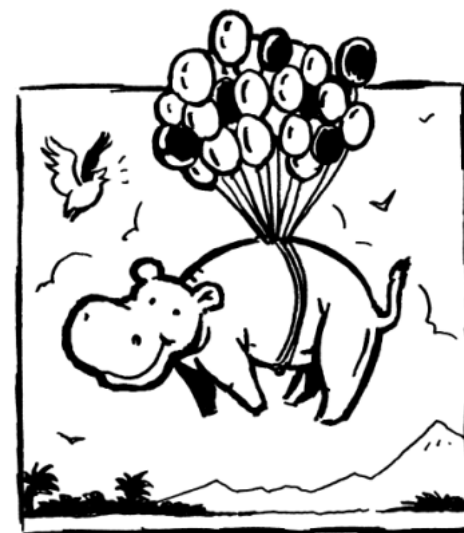
## HYPOTHESIS

Hilary’s *hypothesis* was that water lilies would grow better when exposed to more direct sunlight.

*n.* an idea proposed as true; a theory

syn: guess

ant: fact



*The HIPPOPOTAMUS tested the HYPOTHESIS that he could fly.*