

What are Lexia Connections?

Addressing more than 100 different Core5 skills, Lexia Connections provide engaging games and activities targeting essential components of reading. Each Lexia Connection includes:

- A detailed Skill Sequence to show how the target skill fits in the Core5 systematic and structured approach to reading
- A description of each skill and why it is an important element of language and literacy development
- Activities designed to be incorporated into classroom routines with minimal materials or preparation
- Easily identifiable icons to indicate how each activity suggestion integrates listening, speaking, reading, and writing
- Curriculum Connection suggestions to link reading activities to content-area instruction in science, math, and social studies

Many Lexia Connections include reproducible materials, such as picture cards, word lists, activity sheets, and graphic organizers.

LEXIA CONNECTIONS

Structural Analysis
Skill Sequence

- Simple Suffixes
- Latin Prefixes
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- Spelling Rules: Doubling & Drop E
- Prefix Meanings
- Vocabulary Strategies
- ROOT MEANINGS**
- Prefix Change Rules
- Spelling Rules: Change y to i
- Greek Combining Forms
- Special Accent Rules

Root Meanings
Latin roots are word parts with specific meanings that are combined with prefixes and/or suffixes to create words. The ability to identify roots and their meanings helps students develop word identification strategies for multisyllabic words, enhances academic vocabulary development, and serves as a foundation for understanding word structure.

Classroom Ideas

Teach or Review
As necessary, teach or review the definition of a root. Directly teach the meaning of each root. Have students read example words that contain each root. Students should circle the prefix and/or suffix, underline the root, and then read the whole word. Additionally, they should use the meanings of the prefix and root to decide what the whole word probably means and use it in a sentence.

Make & Take
Have students create individual decks of cards with Latin roots on one side and their meanings on the other. Add pictures to provide additional support for the meaning. Consolidate the cards on a ring so that students can use them for warm-up or review.

Mystery Word
Have students play a guessing game, whereby one student acts out or draws a picture that represents a root and other students must guess the root.

Word Play
Have students play a guessing game, whereby one student acts out or draws a picture that represents a root and other students must guess the root.

Make a Match
Create cards with word pairs (2 or 4 different words for each root). Play a matching game in which students need to match words with the same root (e.g., audience/audible). Have students create a written or spoken sentence that includes both words (e.g., The actor's voice must be audible so the audience can hear his lines).

Curriculum Connection
Engage students in a "Root Hunt" if they come across a root in their reading. Have them record the relevant word, along with information about where they came across the word. Share and consolidate students' findings. Challenge students to reach a collective target (e.g., five sample words for each learned root).

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Why are Lexia Connections important?

Lexia Connections are a versatile component of the Core5 blended learning model. The suggested multisensory activities are ideal opportunities for oral expression and collaboration. In addition, Lexia Connections are designed to be implemented flexibly with little need for preparation or additional materials.

How can Lexia Connections be used?

Lexia Connections provide guidance and context to teachers while allowing for creativity and flexible delivery. These quick and fun activities can be used to introduce, reinforce, or extend student progress in the Core5 online program. Lexia Connections can be delivered to individual students, small groups, or the whole class.

Root Meanings

Common Latin Roots*		
Root	Meaning	Sample Words
aud	to hear	audible, audience
dic	to say	dictate, predict
duct	to lead	conduct, aqueduct
ject	to throw	object, projectile
pel	to drive, push	propel, expel
port	to carry	export, portable
rupt	to break	disrupt, interruption
scrib	to write	scribble, manuscript
spect	to look, see, watch	spectator, inspect
struct	to build, form	obstruct, construction
tract	to drag, pull	extract, tractor
vis	to see	visible, visit

*Remind students that Latin roots provide a clue to a word's meaning but that English words are not a direct translation from Latin.

Example prefixes to combine with roots: in-, ob-, re-, pre-, ex-, ob-, sub-, inter-, contra-, con-, trans-

Example suffixes to combine with roots: -ed-, -ing-, -er-, -s-, -able/-ible

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