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Some students may be unaware that many English words have Greek word parts. This lesson focuses on the Greek word parts geo, crat or cracy, logy, thermo, and auto.

Listen

Say: Many English words contain Greek word parts. Knowing the spelling and meaning of Greek word parts commonly used in English can help you spell words that have these word parts.

Say: Let’s listen to a Basic Word that begins with a Greek word part. Read the word geography aloud slowly. Point out that this word begins with the Greek word part geo.

Continue with the Basic Words democracy (cracy), zoology (logy), thermos (therm), and automobile (auto).

Speak and Read

Say: Let’s practice the Basic Words geography, democracy, zoology, thermos, and automobile. Say each Basic Word slowly and clearly and ask students to repeat the word after you.

Write geography, democracy, zoology, thermos, and automobile on the board. One by one, circle the following Greek word parts and share their meanings with the class: geo (“earth”), cracy (“power”), logy (“study”), thermo (“heat”), and auto (“self” or “same”). Help students derive the meanings of the words on the board, using their understanding of the meanings of the Greek word parts.

Spell

Beginning/Preproduction Write the Basic Words geology, democracy, and automobile on the board. Call on students to circle the lesson’s Greek word parts. Have them copy the words into their word-study notebooks. For each word, ask: Which Greek word part or parts are in this word?

Early Production/Speech Emergent Have students choose one Basic Word and write a sentence using that word. Then have students work in pairs and exchange sentences. Have students identify the Basic Word in the sentence and read the sentence aloud.

Intermediate/Advanced Draw the following chart on the board and have students copy it into their word-study notebooks. Write the Basic Words geometry, aristocrat, thermos, geology, thermal, automobile, democracy, anthology, and automatic on the board. Have students sort the words into their charts under the appropriate headings. (The word geology can be written in either the geo or logy column, or in both columns.) Have volunteers explain what each Greek part means in each word.

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