

Root Detective Crossword

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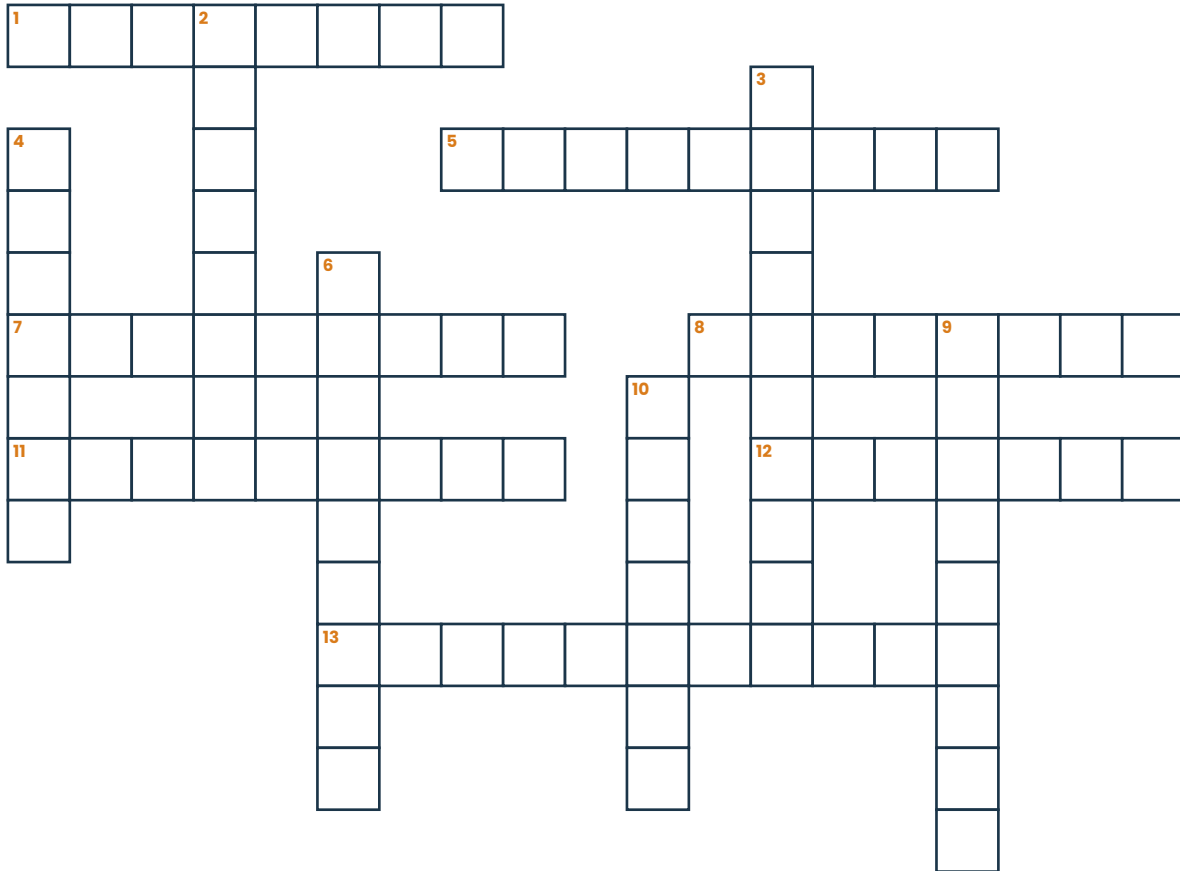
Greek and Latin roots · use the root clues to solve each word

Name _____

Date _____

Root Key

tele = far · **scope** = see, look · **auto** = self · **graph** = write · **bio** = life · **logy** = study of · **trans** = across · **port** = carry · **spect** = look · **dict** = say · **micro** = small · **therm** = heat · **meter** = measure · **aqua** = water · **vis** = see · **cent** = hundred · **aud** = hear



Across

1. A water tank where fish live (aqua)
5. Not able to be seen (in + vis)
7. To carry from one place across to another (trans + port)
8. Easy to carry (port + able)
11. A tool for seeing things that are far away (tele + scope)
12. A period of one hundred years (cent)
13. A tool that measures heat (therm + meter)

Down

2. A group of people who listen to a show (aud)
3. A tool for seeing very tiny things (micro + scope)
4. To say words out loud for someone else to write (dict)
6. A person who watches an event (spect)
9. A famous person's name written by that person (auto + graph)
10. The study of living things (bio + logy)



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Word Bank and Safari Challenge

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Stuck? Every answer is in this word bank. Cross off each word as you use it.

aquarium

audience

autograph

biology

century

dictate

invisible

microscope

portable

spectator

telescope

thermometer

transport

Safari Challenge

Choose two roots from the Root Key. For each one, write a **new** word that uses it (not in the puzzle) and its meaning. Example: *port* → *export*: to carry goods out of a country.

Root: _____ Word: _____ Meaning: _____

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Root Sort

Write each puzzle word under the meaning its root shares. (Hint: 4 words, 2 words, 1 word.)

see / look

carry

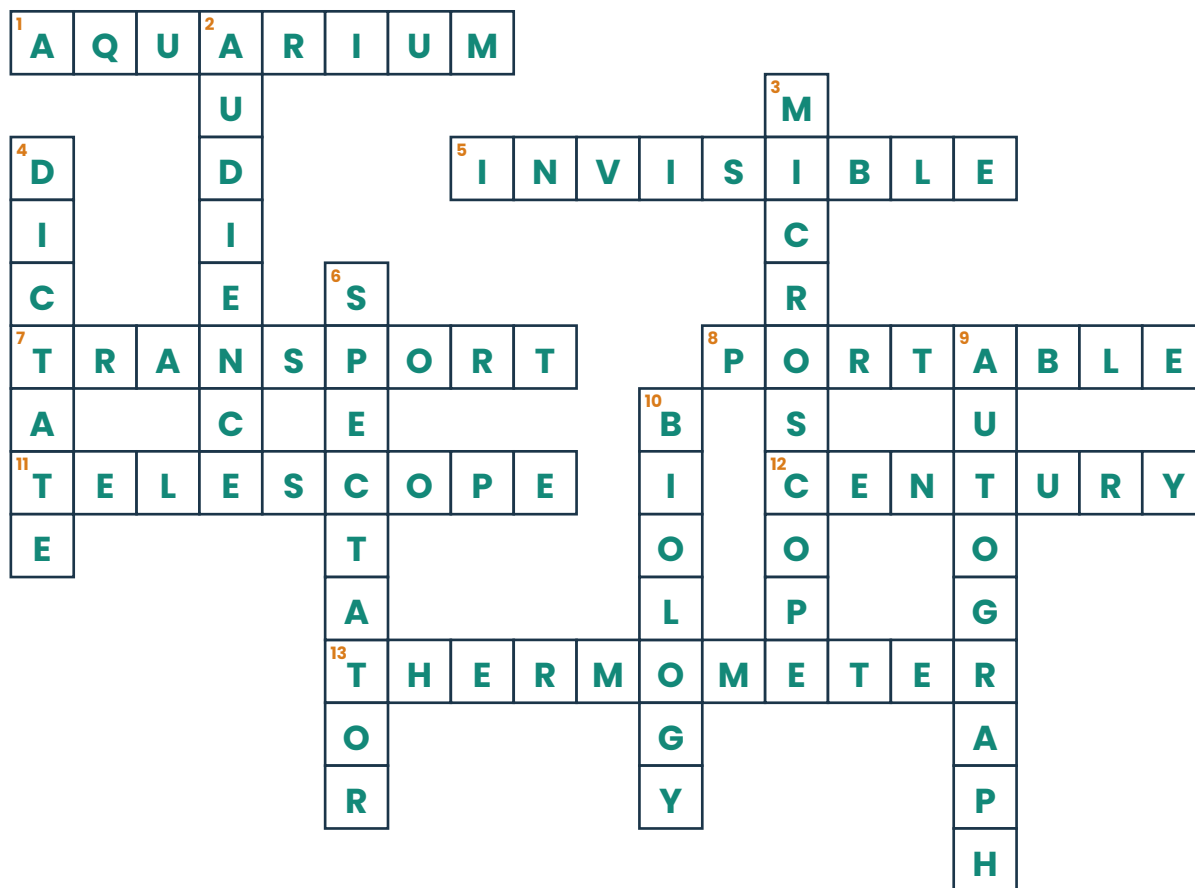
write



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Answer Key



Across: 1. aquarium · 5. invisible · 7. transport · 8. portable · 11. telescope · 12. century · 13. thermometer

Down: 2. audience · 3. microscope · 4. dictate · 6. spectator · 9. autograph · 10. biology

Root Sort: see / look: telescope, microscope, invisible, spectator · carry: transport, portable · write: autograph

Safari Challenge: Answers will vary, for example *autobiography* (auto: a life story written by oneself), *audible* (aud: able to be heard), *bicentennial* (cent: a 200th anniversary), *predict* (dict: to say before it happens).





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