

# Roots and Word Families

A great many English words are put together from parts that come from other languages, such as **Latin** and **Greek**.

These word parts are called **roots**.

Roots **cannot stand alone** but must be combined with prefixes or suffixes to form words.

A group of words with a common root is called a **word family**.

Latin Root	Meaning	Word Family
	→ hear	audio audition audit

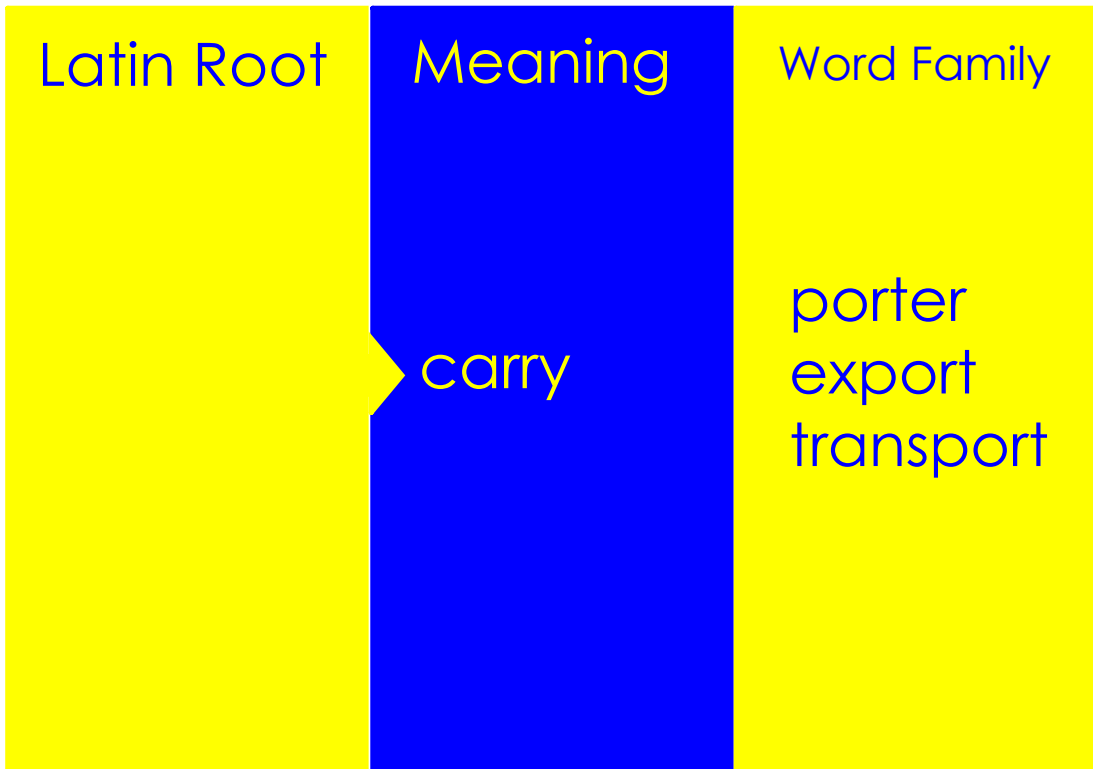


Latin Root	Meaning	Word Family
	trust or believe	creed credible credit

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Latin Root	Meaning	Word Family
	→ hand	manual manage maneuver

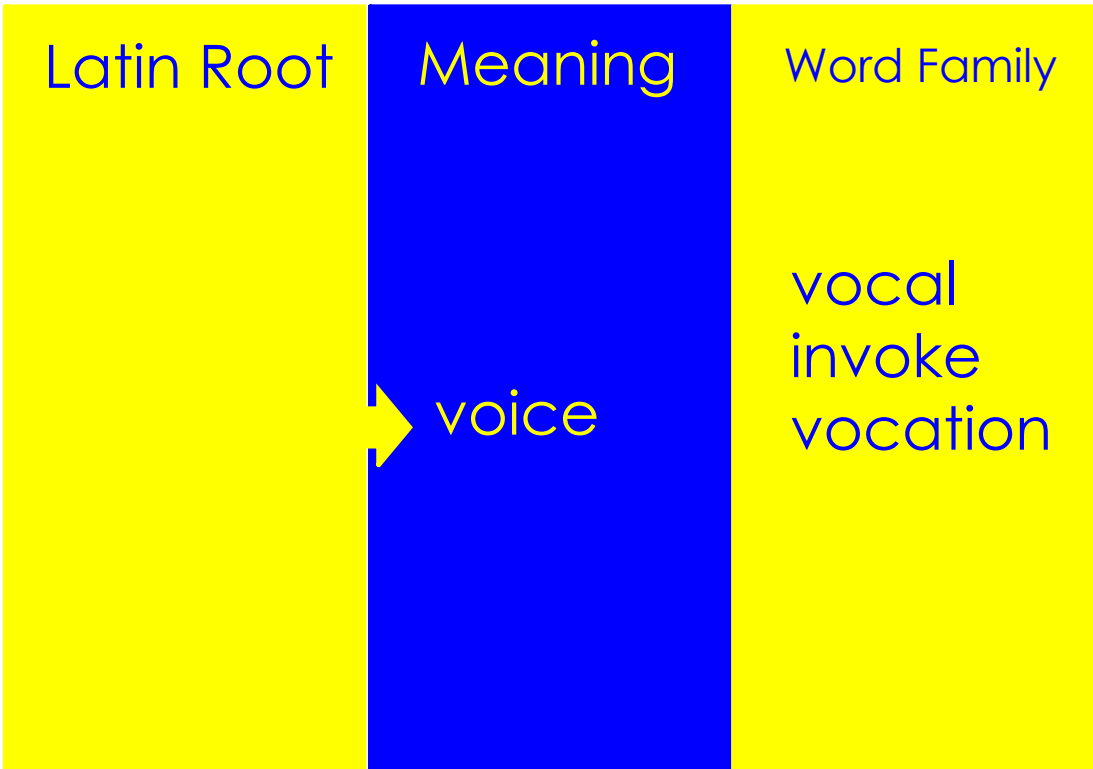




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Latin Root	Meaning	Word Family
	→ see	spectacle inspect suspect







Use the **word parts** to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words.

(root) cred

(prefix) in

(suffix) ulous





Now combine the meanings of the **word parts** to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar word.

(root) cred

(prefix) in

(suffix) ulous



What is the meaning of the word "incredulous"?



Write your prediction here.



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Word	Description	Word
<input type="text"/>	impossible to share	credo
<input type="text"/>	a stated belief	spectator
<input type="text"/>	something written by hand	manuscript
<input type="text"/>	to bring in	import
<input type="text"/>	one who observes	inaudible

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<input type="text"/>	making a noisy outcry
<input type="text"/>	to handle skillfully
<input type="text"/>	a fingernail treatment
<input type="text"/>	to argue for a cause
<input type="text"/>	unbelievable

Word buttons: incredible, manicure, advocate, vociferous, manipulate