



Root-O!

Objective

The student will produce words containing the same root and identify their meanings.

Materials

- ▶ Root-O! game boards (Activity Master V.016.AM1a - V.016.AM1b)
Laminate.
- ▶ Root cards (Activity Master V.016.AM2)
Copy twice.
- ▶ Dictionaries
- ▶ Vis-à-Vis® markers

Activity

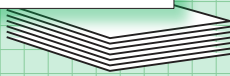
Students write words and use them in a sentence to show meaning by playing a root game.

1. Place root cards face down in a stack. Provide each student with a different Root-O! game board, Vis-à-Vis® marker, and dictionary.
2. Taking turns, students select the top root card, read it, and state the meaning (e.g., tract, tract means drag or pull).
3. Say a word that contains the root that has not been stated by either student (e.g., tractor). Use dictionary, if needed.
4. State a sentence using the word that demonstrates its meaning. For example, “My dad used the tractor to pull the dead tree away.”
5. Write the word in the corresponding box. Note: If same root card is selected, another word is recorded in the box. If three words are recorded in one box, the student selects another card.
6. Place the root card at the bottom of the stack.
7. Continue until three of the boxes in a row contain at least one word.
8. Peer evaluation

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“The root is ‘tract.’ It means drag or pull. The word ‘tractor’ contains the root ‘tract.’ My dad used the tractor to pull the dead tree away.”

tract



Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Make other Root-O! boards (Activity Master V.016.AM3) and root cards (Activity Master V.016.AM4).
- ▶ Write three roots, their meanings, and three words containing each root. Write a sentence using each word to show its meaning (Activity Master V.016.SS).

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Vocabulary

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Vocabulary

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Vocabulary

V.016.AM4

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blank root cards



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V.016.SS

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