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Latin Roots scrib, spec and ject: Words About Writing, Looking and Throwing

Directions: Learn the Latin roots scrib, spec and ject, and the parts that join them. Then use what each part means, along with the sentence around a new word, to work out its meaning.

1. Some of these Latin word parts have two spellings. Match each part to its meaning.
Write the letter of the matching answer on each line.

1. _____ scrib or script
2. _____ spec or spect
3. _____ ject
4. _____ manu
5. _____ pro
6. _____ e or ex

A. out
B. backward
C. forward
D. to throw
E. hand
F. to carry
G. to look
H. to write

2. Every word in this bank holds scrib, script, spec, spect or ject. Complete each sentence, and leave one word out.

Word bank

manuscript • eject • spectator • inspect • project • inscribe

The jeweler used a sharp tool to _____ the date on the back of the medal, cutting each number into the metal. The museum's oldest book is a _____, copied letter by letter with a quill pen about 800 years ago. Before each flight, the pilot walks around the plane to _____ the tires and wings for damage. Every _____ in the stands jumped up and cheered when the runner crossed the finish line. The referee had to _____ the player from the game for shoving an opponent.

3. "Below her signature, Grandma added a *postscript* reminding Jay to pack his swimsuit."

Post means after. What is a postscript?

A. A stamp on the envelope
B. A greeting at the start of a letter
C. A note added after the end of a letter
D. A drawing on the back of the page

4. "After the school debate, the newspaper club printed a *transcript*, so readers could check every word the speakers had said."

Trans means across or over. What is a transcript?

A. A photo of the debate stage
B. A written copy of words that were spoken
C. A recording of the crowd's applause
D. A list of questions for the speakers

5. The doctor wrote a *prescription*, and Dad took it to the pharmacy to pick up the medicine. *Pre* means before. What is a prescription?

A. A bottle that holds pills
B. A written order from a doctor for a medicine
C. A bill for the doctor's visit
D. A test that measures a fever

6. *Sub* means under or below. In which of these is the 2 a *subscript*?

A. H_2O B. 2:30 C. 5^2 D. 2nd

7. "In *retrospect*, Malik realized that skipping practice the week before the big game had been a mistake."

Retro means backward. What does *in retrospect* mean?

A. Watching something from far away
B. Seeing something for the first time
C. Hoping for something in the future
D. Looking back on something that already happened

8. After the argument with her best friend, Tess grew *introspective*, spending the evening quietly thinking about her own feelings. *Intro* means inward. What does introspective mean?

A. Talking with many friends at once
B. Feeling angry and shouting
C. Looking inward at your own thoughts and feelings
D. Watching other people closely

9. "The bright orange vest makes the road worker *conspicuous*, so drivers notice her right away."

Here *spic* is another form of *spec*. What does *conspicuous* mean?

A. Ready for danger B. Hard to find
C. Easy to see or notice D. Tired from working

10. During the class debate, Omar waited for a pause so he could *interject* a quick question. *Inter* means between. What does it mean to interject?

A. To leave a conversation early
B. To refuse to answer
C. To add a remark in the middle of a conversation
D. To repeat what someone else said

11. "The coach studied the *trajectory* of the soccer ball as it curved through the air and dropped into the goal."

Tra is a short form of *trans*, which means across. What is a trajectory?

A. The speed of the ball when it lands
B. The path an object follows after it is thrown or kicked
C. The force of the kick
D. The spot where the ball lands

12. After losing the championship by one point, the *dejected* players walked slowly off the court with their heads down. *De* means down. How did the players feel?

A. Proud and excited B. Angry and loud
C. Sad and discouraged D. Tired but happy