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In this activity, your student will be introduced to words that feature some of the most common Greek word parts, such as bio, tele, and micro. Many words of Greek origin have to do with technology and science, such as microscope and biology. You may wish to provide definitions and meanings of the Greek word parts, because an understanding of these concepts is highly effective in aiding comprehension and vocabulary building.

## Instructions

1. Print pages 3-5 of this activity. Pages 4-5 should be printed back-to-back.
2. Cut out the cards on pages 4-5 and place them on the table in front of your student. "These cards are Greek word parts."
3. Point to the *graph* card. "Some Greek word parts are words all on their own, such as *graph*."
4. Point to the *phon* card. "Others need to have a letter added to them to create a word." Add the e card to the *phon* card to create the word *phone*.
5. Demonstrate to your student how the various Greek word parts can be mixed and matched to form longer words, using *photograph* and *telephone* as examples.
6. Build the word *thermometer* with your student and place it on the activity sheet. Point to the o. "This is called 'connector o.' It is sometimes used to connect two Greek word parts. We need connector o for words like *thermometer*. Without it, this word would be hard to say."
7. Guide your student in creating more words using the word parts and have him fill the night sky scene with the new words. If your student needs prompting, dictate the following words for him to build.

**microphone    telephone    photography    photograph    telegraph**  
**biology        biography    telescope        autograph    thermometer**

8. If desired, discuss the meanings of the words with your student by turning over the cards. For example, the word *telescope* is a combination of the Greek word parts *tele* (meaning *far off*) and *scope* (meaning *look*). The word *telescope*, then, essentially means *a far off look*.



micro	meter	graph	tele	y
photo	logy	graph	tele	y
photo	auto	graph	tele	o
scope	therm	graph	bio	e
phon	phon	graph	bio	e

far off	write or record	measure	small
far off	write or record	study	light
far off	write or record	self	light
life	write or record	heat	look
life	write or record	sound	sound



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