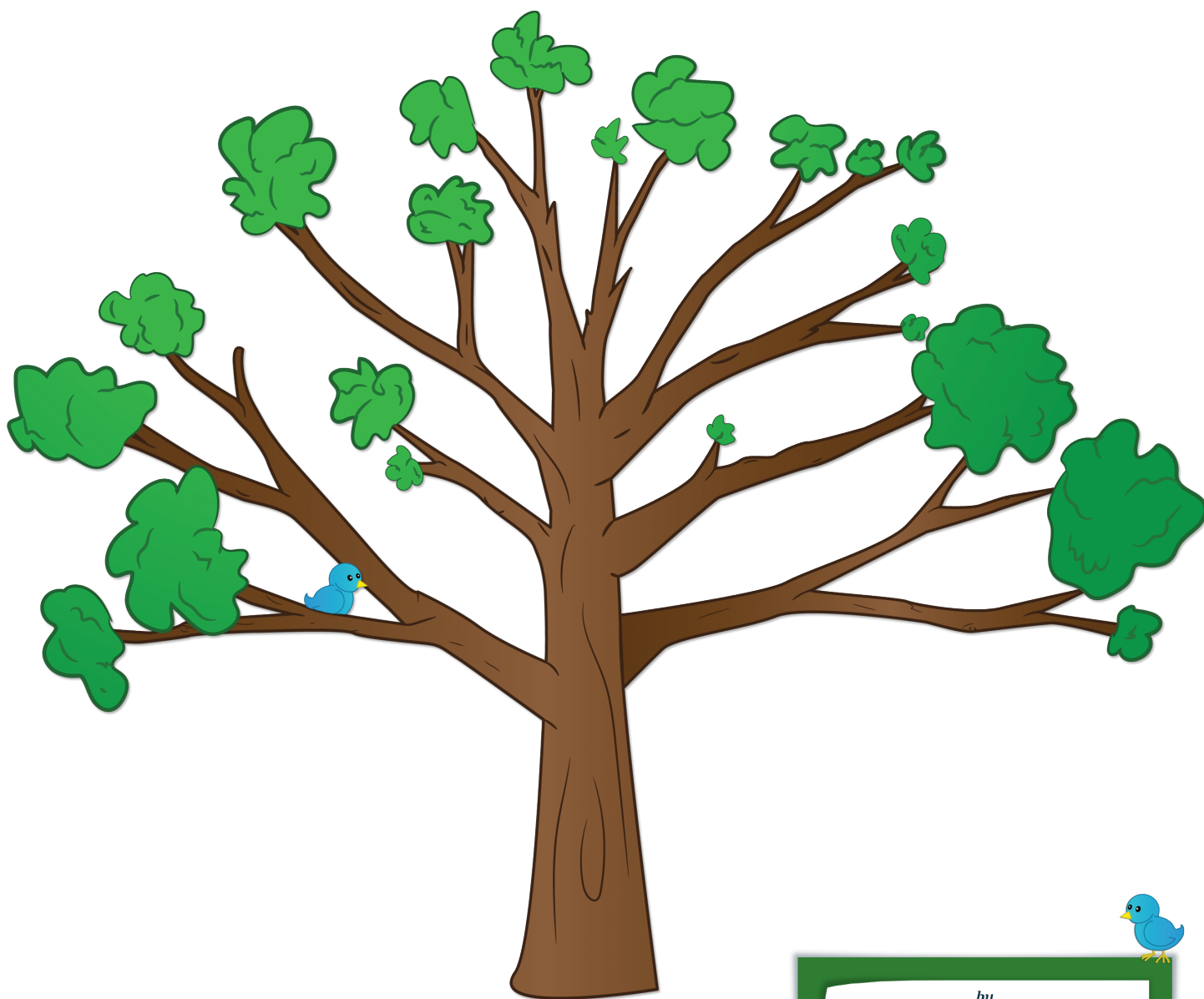


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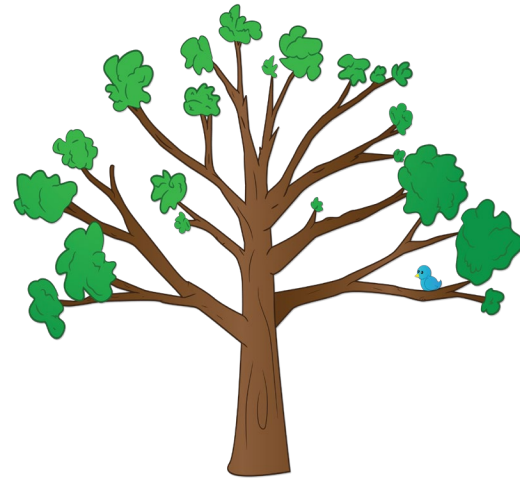


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A Word Tree is a handy graphic organizer designed to generate words that include a Latin root. It works as a “cheat sheet” for your student.

Prefixes, roots, and suffixes can be combined in multiple ways to create new words. This download contains five Word Trees with suggested root words and one blank Word Tree.

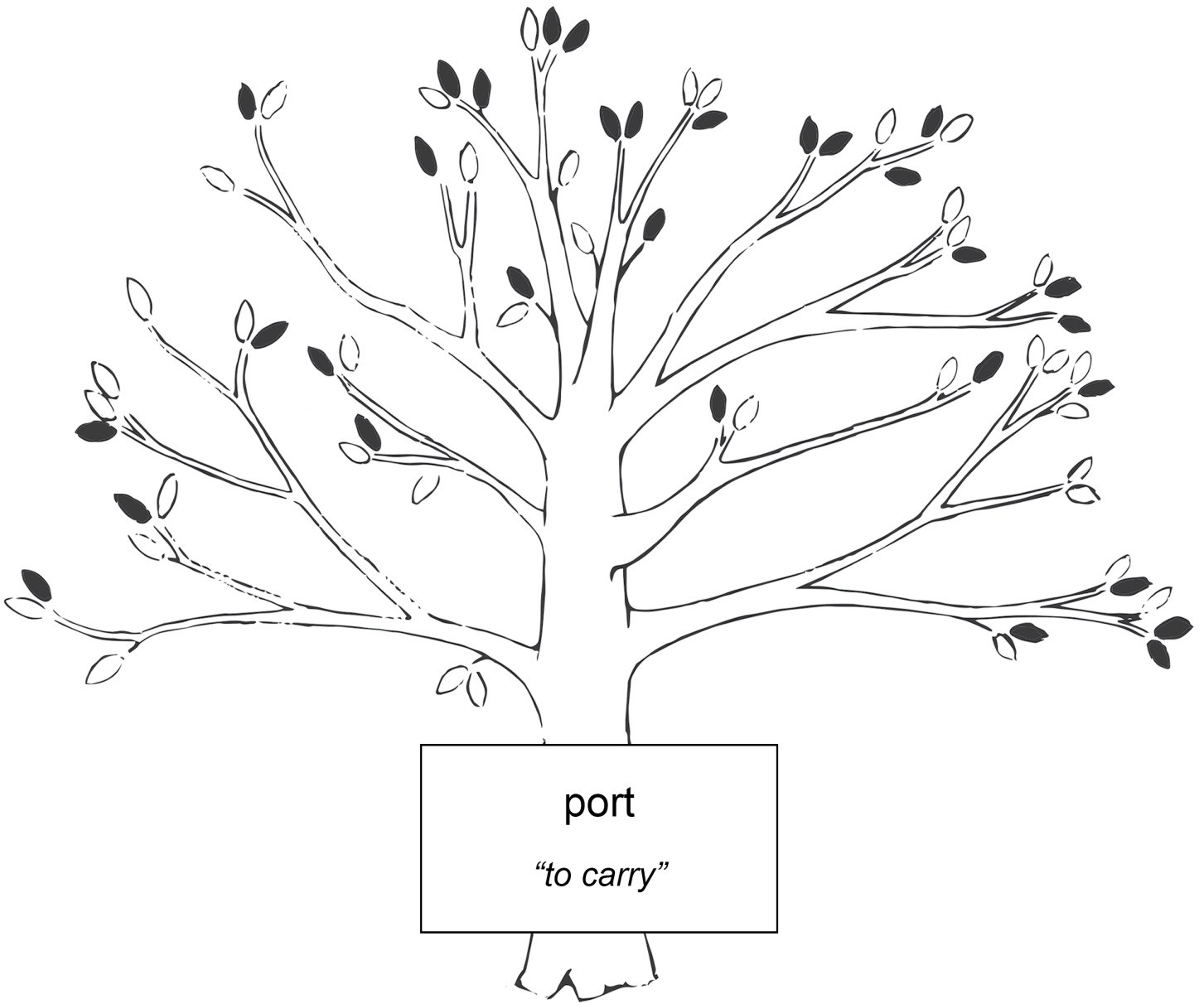


Instructions

1. Print pages 3-8 of this activity.
2. Decide which root word you want to work with. If you are using the blank Word Tree, write the root word in the box at the base of the tree.
3. Guide your student in using the prefixes and suffixes under the Word Tree to create at least ten words. Write the words on the branches.
4. Discuss the meaning of the words, if necessary.

Tips

- For a short instructional video, [click here](#).
- Your student may be able to think of words formed with prefixes and suffixes other than those given as clues.
- If your student can only think of a few words at first, keep the Word Tree available so that additional words can be added to it over the next few days.
- You can store the completed Word Trees in a binder for future reference.

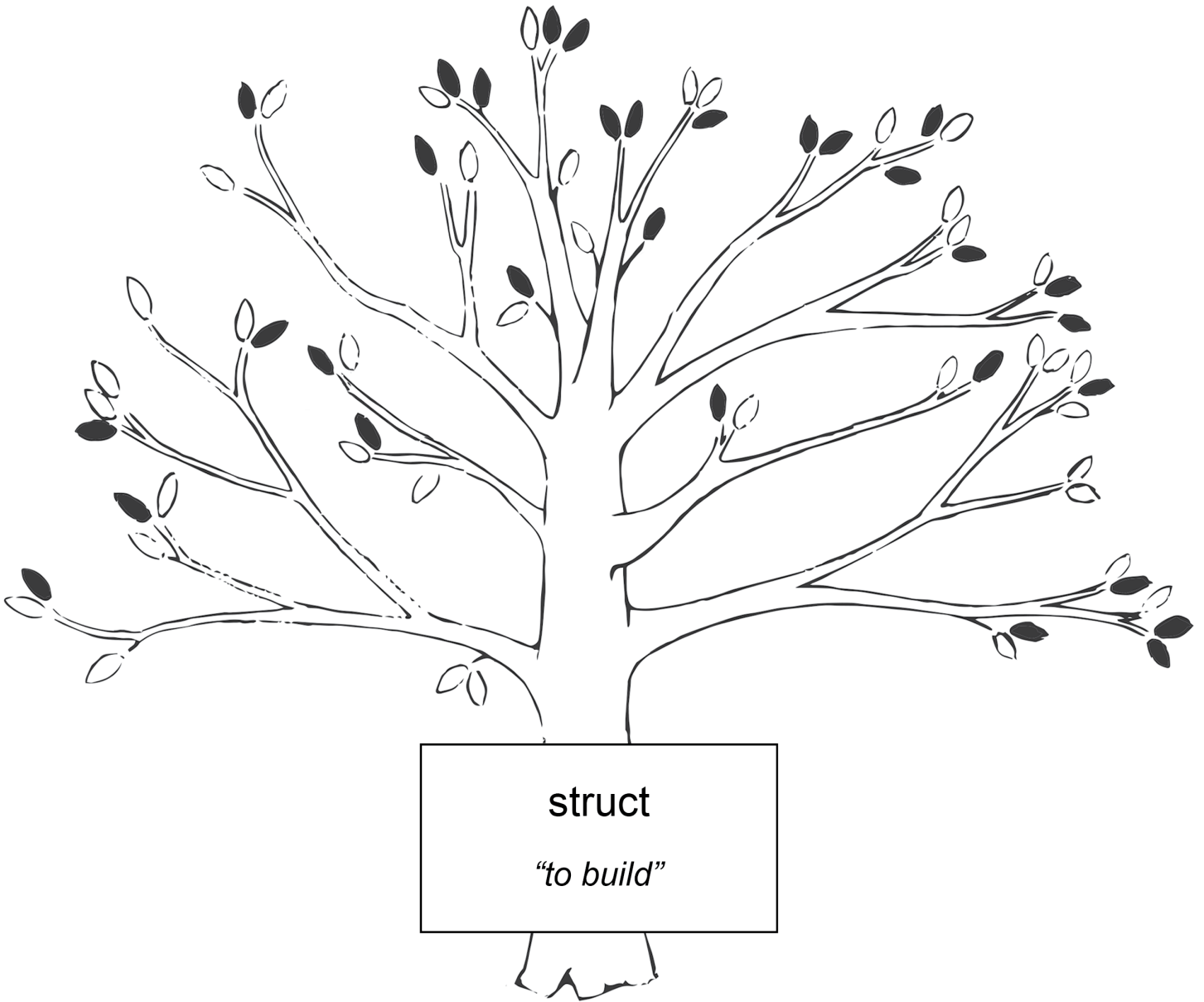


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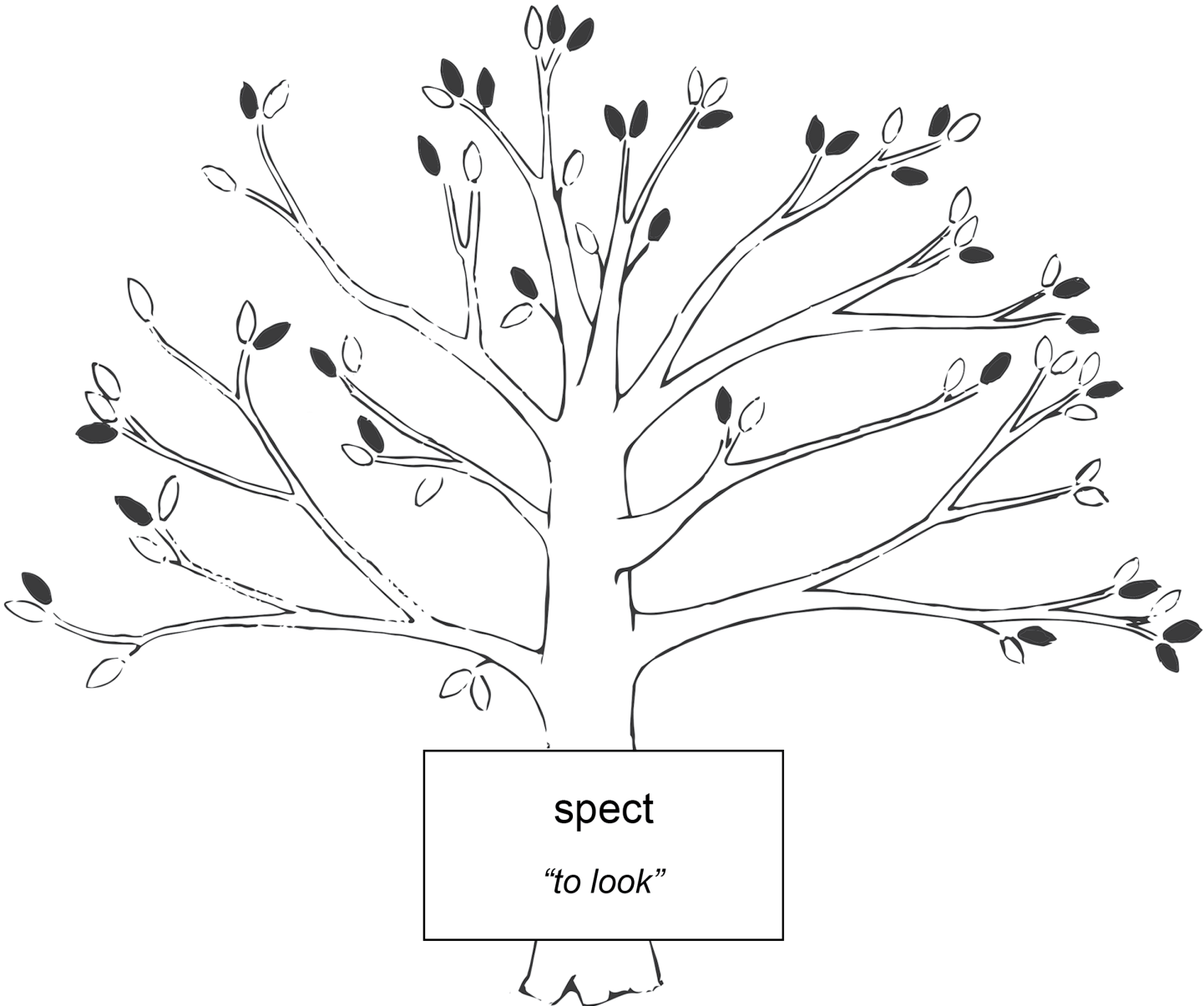


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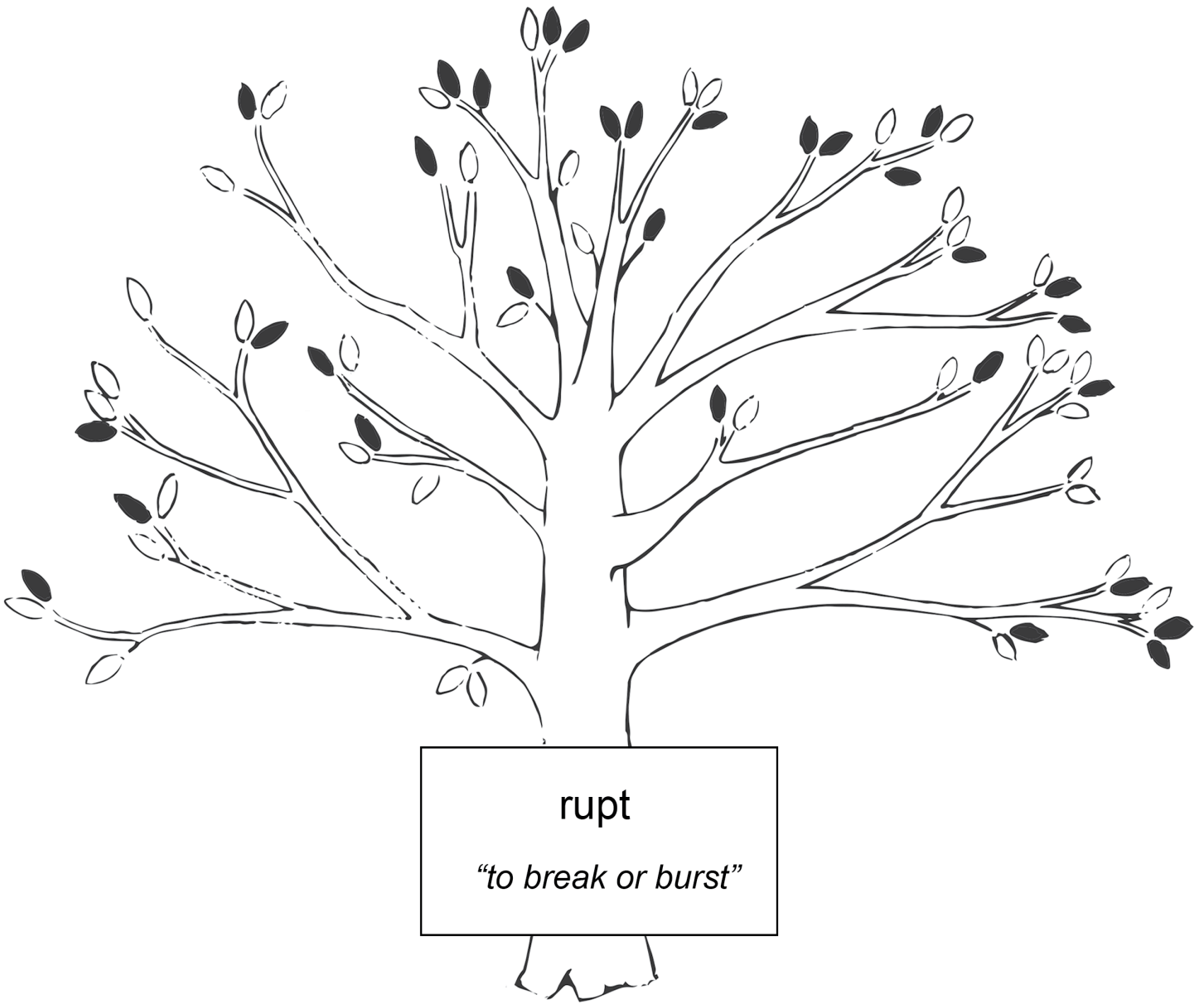
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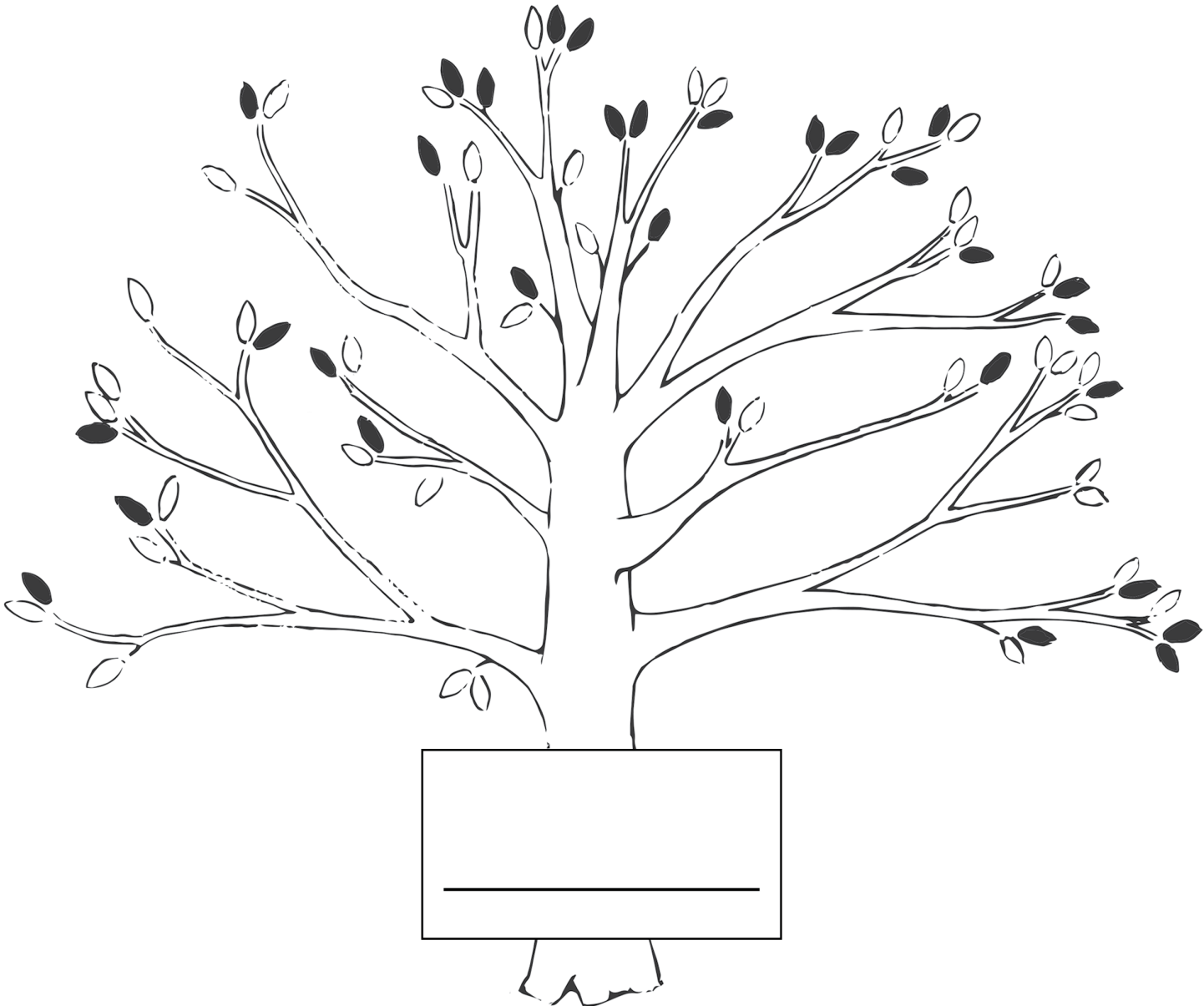


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Latin Roots

Here are twelve additional Latin roots. Your student can prepare Word Trees for any or all of these roots using a blank Word Tree.



Roots	Meaning	Additional Practice Words		
anni annu enni	year	anniversary annual annuity	biannual bicentennial centennial	millennium semiannual triennial
aud	to hear	audible audibly audience audio audiologist	audit auditing audition auditor	auditorium auditory audiovisual inaudible
cred	to believe	accredit accreditation credence credential	credibility credible credit creditor	credulous discredit incredible incredulous
claim clam	to declare, call out, or cry out	acclaim claim claimant clamor counterclaim	disclaimer exclaim exclamation exclamatory	proclaim proclamation reclaim reclaimable
dent	tooth	dental dentrifrice dentin	dentist dentistry denture	indent indentation trident
leg	law	illegal illegitimate legacy legal	legalistic legalize legislate legislative	legislator legislature legitimate privilege
ped	foot	biped centipede expedite expedition impede	impediment millipede pedal pedestal pedestrian	pedicure pedigree pedogram pedometer



Roots	Meaning	Additional Practice Words		
rect	straight or right	correct correctable correction direct direction	directness director erect erector incorrect	indirect rectangle rectangular rectify
patr pater	father	expatriate paternal paternity patriarch	patriot patriotic patriotism patron	patronage patronize unpatriotic
pend	to hang or weigh	appendage appendectomy appendix depend dependability dependable dependence	dependent expend impending independence independent interdependence interdependent	pendant pending pendulous pendulum perpendicular suspend suspenders
vis	to see	advise advisor division envision indivisible invisible revise revision supervise	supervision supervisor supervisory televise television visibility visible vision	visionary visit visitation visitor visor visual visualization visualize
voc	to call	advocate evoke invoke irrevocable provocation	provocative provoke revocable revoke vocabulary	vocal vocalization vocalize vocation vocational

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