

## **The Roots of English- Worksheet 2**

### **Page 1**

*In 5 minutes, find as many words as you can below on Worksheet 1 as you can.*

#### **Science and technology**

1. Taken from the Greek mythical figure who held the world on his back, this word is now used for a book of maps
2. This scientific word for artificially producing identical animals etc. comes from the Greek word for 'branch' or 'twig'
3. This Czech word originally meant 'worker' or 'slave labourer', and now means a machine that has more or less that function
4. This form of transport's name comes from the Greek words meaning 'spiral wing'
5. This Italian word means bad air, because they thought this disease came from bad air. We now know that it comes from mosquitoes.
6. This chemical name from German is named after the Devil (old Nick)
7. This comes from the Greek word meaning 'moves itself'
8. This chemical name comes from the Greek word meaning 'hidden'

#### **Transport**

9. This word was taken from Japanese and is used in India and other places for a type of taxi powered by a person, either on foot or pedalling a bike

#### **Business**

10. This Italian word originally meant only 'bench' or 'table', and came from the money lender's tables where people first borrowed money.
11. This Italian word also means a folder that you can fold and carry around (in Italian, 'portar'), but now is mainly used for a collection of stocks etc.
12. This word originally only meant 'big house' in Italian, but somehow came to be used for a place for gambling.
13. This word, taken from an old Japanese army word, is English slang that means the 'top man' in any organization and is still sometimes used now.
14. This was the word that the first foreigners used to address the shogun, and is even now often used in English to mean a very important business man

#### **Clothes**

15. This comes from the French words 'de Nimes' meaning 'from Nimes', the first place where this material was made. This fabric is mainly used for making jeans.
16. This word originally means 'attached' in French and is used for someone 'attached' to the embassy, and now for a smart kind of briefcase that such a person probably carries

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## Page 2

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### Education

17. This is a type of academic institution, named after the place where Plato taught.
18. This word comes from the first two letters of the Greek writing system

### Politics

19. This Greek political word meant 'without a ruler'
20. This comes from the French words meaning 'a blow of the state'
21. This Greek political word means 'state of the people'

### Sports

22. This word for a sports area comes from the Greek word for 'naked', as athletes would traditionally do sports naked
23. This large sporting event is named after the Greek mountain where the Greek gods lived
24. The name of a battle in Ancient Greece, from which one soldier ran 42 kilometres to give the good news of their victory
25. This French word originally means 'big prize', and is used for a Formula One motor race
26. This thing you wear when you jump out of an aeroplane comes from the French word meaning simply 'to fall'

### Food and drink

27. This Arabic word for a fruit started off as 'a narange', but the 'n' moved across to become part of 'an'
28. This Italian word originally meant 'dough', because that is what this food stuff looks like while you are making it
29. This Italian word simply means 'big soup'
30. This French word originally means 'growing' and is used for a pastry that is in the shape of a 'growing' moon that French people often eat for breakfast.
31. This Italian word means 'little strings', as this pasta looks like that.
32. This word means pink in French, and is used in English for wine of this colour
33. This French word is often used in English to mean 'sparkling wine', but is actually only for wines from one region of France
34. This French word means 'entrance' and is used for the first course of a meal
35. This is the word for a circular hot meat sandwich and the meat that goes in it, which is famous in America but is named after a German city
36. Rice wine, especially from Japan but also other Asian countries

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#### **Food and Drink continued**

37. This is the French word for snails, and is used in English when they are cooked and eaten
38. This word comes from the word 'marine', meaning 'from the sea', as it was first used for foods that were soaked in salt water. Now it is used for any sauce that you leave the food in for some time before cooking.
39. This Hindi word means 'five'. An alcoholic drink now has this name, as it originally had that number of ingredients
40. This word means 'blown' in French and is used for a very light cake with lots of air in it
41. This is a vegetable that originally came from America and is now used to make fries with all over the world
42. This is an area of Japan, but is mainly used in English for a type of small orange
43. This French word means "chief", and is used for the head cook

#### **The Arts**

44. This word comes from the French word 'coller', meaning 'to stick'
45. This word means 'rebirth' in French, and is used to talk about the time when European culture was 'reborn' around the 15<sup>th</sup> century.
46. This artistic Italian word means 'fresh' as the paint was put on the wall when the plaster was still fresh
47. This popular tourist spot comes from the Greek word meaning 'home of the muses' (the Goddesses of the arts)
48. This Italian word from opera means 'first lady', and is now used for women and sometimes men who act like they are much more important than everyone else.
49. This word means "soft and strong" in Italian, as it was the first keyboard instrument that could play so quiet and loud.
50. This French word people use in English when they want a performance to continue simply means 'more' in French.
51. The Greek word means 'same sound'

#### **Hobbies**

52. This word originally meant 'little wheel' in French, and now is often used in Las Vegas
53. This French word originally meant 'big chalk', but is now used for what small children use for colouring in pictures

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