

HM Roots Fourth Grade

Root	Root Meaning	Sample Words and Definitions
graph	write	<u>autograph</u> : a person's handwritten signature <u>stenography</u> : writing in shorthand <u>telegraph</u> : long-distance writing by electrical codes
rupt	break	<u>bankrupt</u> : unable to pay because you're "broke" <u>interrupt</u> : to break in, to disturb <u>rupture</u> : a break in something
sign	seal, mark, sign, tell something	<u>signature</u> : to sign, to write your name <u>signal</u> : movement or sound that tells someone to do something
spec(t)	see, look	<u>circumspect</u> : cautious, looking all around <u>retrospective</u> : a looking back at past things <u>spectator</u> : a person who sees an event
tele	distant, far	<u>telegram</u> : to send a message electronically over a distance <u>telescope</u> : makes things far away look bigger
tract	pull, drag	<u>attract</u> : to pull objects nearer <u>distract</u> : to drag attention away from something <u>tractor</u> : a motor vehicle that pulls things

Root: the main part of the word, which contains the basic meaning.