

Rapid Root Rally Answer Key

Sample Responses:

1. **Aqua:** aquatic, aquarium, aquamarine
2. **Bio:** biology, biography, antibiotic
3. **Geo:** geology, geography, geode
4. **Therm:** thermal, thermometer, hypothermia
5. **Graph:** autograph, paragraph, telegraph
6. **Chron:** chronological, synchronize, chronicle
7. **Phon:** telephone, symphony, phonics
8. **Photo:** photograph, photosynthesis, photocopy
9. **Port:** transport, portable, export
10. **Struct:** construct, structure, destruction

(Any other correct real English words that include the given root are acceptable.)

Teacher's Guide

- **Engagement Tip:** Use a timer and play energetic background music to make the activity feel like a real "word race." Offer bonus points for correct spelling and unique words.
- **Differentiation:**
 - *Grades 4-5:* Allow root meaning reference cards and model one example before starting.
 - *Grades 6-7:* Increase difficulty—students must also write each word's meaning in a sentence or explain how the root adds meaning.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Turn it into a **team competition**, where groups share their best word for each root.
 - Challenge students to **create new "invented" words** that sound real and fit the root's meaning—then define them creatively.