

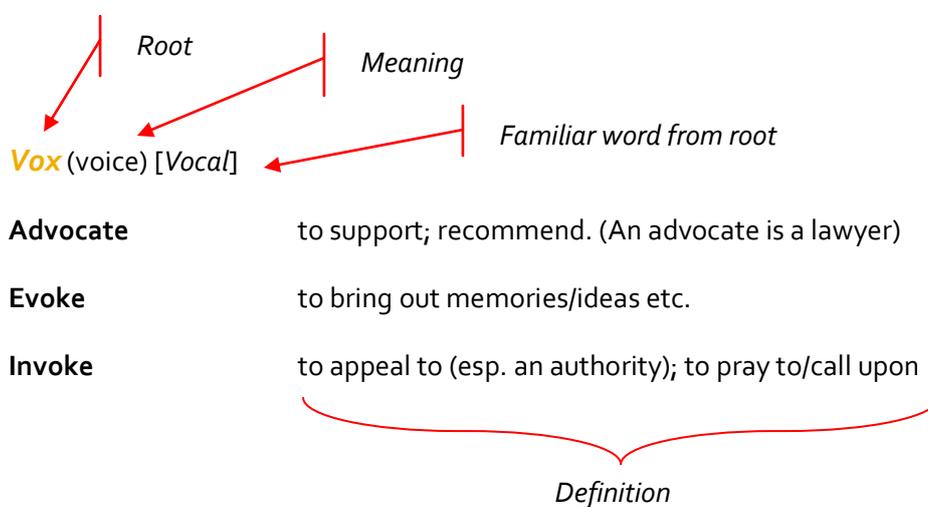
Word Roots

Cards C01-C30 contain groups of words derived from common roots.

The 'root' of a word in English is the original word from which the word has evolved. For example, the word *belligerent*, which means 'aggressive', comes from the Latin word *bellum* which means 'war'. Once you know that fact, it becomes easier to learn that *bellicose* also means 'aggressive'.

Not all root words are equally helpful when it comes to learning words. We have selected word roots that are readily identified and which can help you add important words to your vocabulary.

Since you are not learning Latin, Greek or Anglo-Saxon, we have kept things simple and haven't identified the language of the root word. In some cases we have given common words from the same root to help you remember the root. For example:



Target:

Take two weeks to learn these 30 cards.

Take the tests on these cards as soon as you are ready. You can take the first test as soon as you have learned the first fifteen cards.

- Test R01 relates to C01 – C15
- Test R02 relates to C16 – C30

These tests are available at:

[http://www.major**tests**.com/word-focus/vocabulary-tests.php](http://www.majortests.com/word-focus/vocabulary-tests.php)

Word Roots

C 01

Credo (I believe)[credit]

Credible	believable
Credulous	gullible; believing too easily
Incredulous	not believing
Credence	believability

Cogito (I think); **cognitio** (knowledge)

Cognition	knowledge; awareness
Incognito	not recognized
Agnostic	doubtful of the existence of god
Cogitate	think deeply
Prognosis	outlook
Gnostic	relating to knowledge esp. of spiritual matters

Word Roots

C 02

Dies (day)

Diurnal	active in daytime
Quotidian	daily

Cosmos (world)

Cosmology	study or theory of the structure and origins of the universe
Microcosm	small-scale model containing the essential elements of a system
Macrocosm	the entire world/universe; all-encompassing model
Cosmopolitan	including people of diverse nationalities; broad-minded