

Etymological Milestones

Etymology · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. The word 'telephone' is derived from Greek roots. What was the primary meaning of the Greek word 'tele' that contributes to its meaning?

- A) Far**
- B) Sound
- C) Speak
- D) Voice

2. The term 'photograph' combines Greek words. Which Greek word refers to 'light'?

- A) Graphos
- B) Photos**
- C) Skia
- D) Phos

3. The word 'discover' has Latin origins. Which Latin word means 'to uncover' or 'to reveal'?

- A) Velare**
- B) Celare
- C) Cooperire
- D) Tegere

4. The etymology of 'automobile' involves Latin and Greek. The Latin root 'mobilis' means what?

- A) Self
- B) Engine
- C) Movable**
- D) Wheel

5. The word 'internet' is a portmanteau. What does the 'inter-' prefix in 'internet' originally signify?

- A) Global
- B) Digital
- C) Between**
- D) Network

6. The term 'telegraph' also uses the Greek root 'graphein'. What does 'graphein' mean in this context?

- A) To send
- B) To write**
- C) To receive
- D) To signal

7. The word 'vaccine' is derived from the Latin word for 'cow'. What is this Latin word?

- A) Vacca**
- B) Bovinus
- C) Cattle
- D) Moo

8. The word 'radio' comes from the Latin word 'radius'. What does 'radius' primarily mean?

- A) Wave
- B) Signal
- C) Ray**
- D) Transmission