One From Many

Read the clues. The Latin or Greek root is hidden within the clues. Look for the word parts that are the same in the boldface words.

1. Latin root for mother. Maternal means related to motherhood, kind, caring, in a protective, motherly way. Maternity means the condition of being a mother. Your alma mater is a school you graduated from.

Latin root for mother: _____ _____ _____ _____

2. Latin root for water. An aquarium is a water tank for fish. Aqua and aquamarine are two watery blue colors. Aquarius is the sign of the Zodiac pictured as a man pouring water.

Latin root for water: _____ _____ _____

3. Greek root meaning birth or race. A generation is all the people born around the same time. To generate means to produce. You are the progeny of your parents.

Greek root for birth or race: _____ _____ _____

4. Greek root for life. A biography is the story of a person’s life. An autobiography is the story of the writer’s life. Biology is the science of living things.

Greek root for life: _____ _____ _____

5. Latin root for see or look. A spectator is a member of an audience. A spectacle is something to see. To inspect is to look carefully.

Latin root for see or look: _____ _____ _____

BONUS Write the numbered letters on the spaces below to spell out the motto of the United States of America, Latin for one from many or out of many, one.

What math terms can help you figure out which Latin words mean many and one?

_____________________________ and _________________________

Circle the word that means many. Underline the word that means one.
Cloze Call

Write the root that completes the unfinished word in each sentence.

1. In _______logy class we learned that if your parents have blue eyes, there is a good chance you will have blue eyes, too.

2. While on _______nity leave, Mrs. Zee visited our school with her new baby.

3. The _______eration that grew up during the Depression learned to do without many things.

4. Divers use _______lungs to breathe underwater.

5. The _______tators sitting in the upper decks are far from the action!

Use an answer from above in a sentence of your own. Underline the word with the root in your sentence.

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Draw a picture for your sentence to help remind you of the word's meaning.
Word Search: Mystery Root

Read the clues. Write the answers on the lines.

1. This Latin root means water. ___ ___ ___ ___
2. This Greek root means life. ___ ___ ___
3. This Latin root means mother. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
4. This Latin root means see or look. ___ ___ ___ ___
5. This Greek root means birth or race. ___ ___ ___

Circle your answers in the puzzle. Search down, across, and on the diagonal.

BONUS On the lines below, write the letters you did not circle in order from left to right, top to bottom.

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This Latin phrase means and so on. It is usually abbreviated using the first three letters. Write the abbreviation on the line.

Use the abbreviation in a sentence of your own.
Root Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues. Use the roots in the box below and what you know about them to complete the puzzle.

LATIN ROOTS mater, aqua, spec  GREEK ROOTS bio, gen

CLUES

ACROSS
1. A sight to behold!
4. A tank fish live in
8. You and all the kids born around the same time
10. The state of being a mother

DOWN
2. A shade of blue
3. Having motherly feelings
5. To make or create something
6. A life science
7. One who investigates crimes
9. Children or offspring

On the back of this sheet, write a sentence that includes two or more words from the puzzle.
Word Cards

- Complete the word cards.
- Cut them out and tape or staple them to index cards.
- On the back, illustrate one word for each root.
- Add the Root Picture Card (page 55) from your teacher to the front or back of the card.

**LATIN ROOT** aqua (also aqu)

Means __________________________

Words I know with aqua:
1. Aquamarine means ____________
2. Aquarium means ______________
3. Aqualung means ______________
4. Other words I know with aqua:
   ____________________________________________

**GREEK ROOT** bio

Means __________________________

Words I know with bio:
1. Biology means _______________
2. Biography means ______________
3. Autobiography means ___________
4. Other words I know with bio:
   ____________________________________________

**LATIN ROOT** mater (also matr)

Means __________________________

Words I know with mater:
1. Alma mater means ______________
2. Maternity means _______________
3. Maternal means _______________
4. Other words I know with mater:
   ____________________________________________

**GREEK ROOT** gen

Means __________________________

Words I know with gen:
1. Generate means _______________
2. Generation means ______________
3. Progeny means _______________
4. Other words I know with gen:
   ____________________________________________

**LATIN ROOT** spec

Means __________________________

Words I know with spec:
1. Inspect means _______________
2. Spectacle means ______________
3. Spectator means ______________
4. Other words I know with spec:
   ____________________________________________