It’s a Secret

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 head. The captain runs the ship. Washington, D.C., is the capital of the United States. The capstone is the stone at the top of a wall or other building. To decapitate is to remove the head.

   Latin root for head: __ __ __

2. Latin root for health. Sanitation crews pick up trash to keep the streets clean and the town healthy. Mentally healthy people are sane. People with severe mental illness are said to be insane. The sneeze-guard shield at a salad bar keeps the food sanitary.

   Latin root for health: __ __ __

3. Greek root for love. Philanthropists show their love for humanity by supporting charities and other good works. A philosopher is someone who seeks or loves wisdom. People who attend philharmonic performances appreciate good music.

   Greek root for love: __ __ __ __ __ __ __

4. Latin root for row or rank. The order of events take place one after another. Ordinal numbers show rank: first, second, third, and so on. Ordinary means not special, or of no special rank. Something extra-special, out of the ordinary, is extraordinary.

   Latin root for row or rank: __ __ __

5. Latin root for short. An abbreviation is a short form of a longer word. A breve is the curved symbol for a short-vowel sound. The saying "Brevity is the soul of wit" means that to be clever, one should use only a few well-chosen words.

   Latin root for short: __ __ __ __

**BONUS** Write the numbered letters in the spaces below to spell out the Latin phrase that means “secretly” or “in a private way.”

   __ __ __ __ __

**BONUS BONUS** This Pennsylvania city is known as the City of Brotherly Love.
Cloze Call

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

1. The class lined up and filed out in an ________erly manner.
2. The ab________iated term for President of the United States is POTUS.
3. The cleaning crew ________itizes the hospital every day.
4. In legends, the ________osphere's stone can turn lead into gold.
5. The ________tain said, “Full speed ahead.”

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

__________________________________________

__________________________________________

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 health. _____ _____ _____
2. This Latin root means rank. _____ _____ _____
3. This Latin root means head. _____ _____ _____
4. This Greek root means love. _____ _____ _____ _____
5. This Latin root means short. _____ _____ _____ _____

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

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

_____ _____ _____ G A

This Latin root means the opposite of brev. Complete this Latin idiom with the word.

Ars _____ _____ _____ , vita brevis.

Ars means “art.” Vita means “life.” What does the idiom mean?
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 brev, cap, ord, san  GREEK ROOT phil

CLUES

ACROSS

3. A scholar who works to understand the nature of life
4. Mr. is the _______ form of the word mister.
6. Run-of-the-mill, not special
8. The first letter of your name should be this kind of letter.
9. The symbol used to indicate a short-vowel sound
10. A number like first, second, fifth, tenth, and so on.

DOWN

1. Someone who supports charities to help others
2. The first mate and the crew salute him or her.
5. An extremely mentally ill person might be described this way.
7. We washed our hands before handling the food in order to be _______.

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 60) from your teacher to the front or back of the card.

**LATIN ROOT** *brev*

Means ____________________________

Words I know with *brev*:
1. *Abbreviate* means ____________
2. *Breve* means ________________
3. *Brevity* means ________________
4. Other words I know with *brev*:

**LATIN ROOT** *cap*

Means ____________________________

Words I know with *cap*:
1. *Capital* means ________________
2. *Capstone* means ________________
3. *Captain* means ________________
4. Other words I know with *cap*:

**LATIN ROOT** *ord*

Means ____________________________

Words I know with *ord*:
1. *Extraordinary* means ________________
2. *Ordinal* means ________________
3. *Ordinary* means ________________
4. Other words I know with *ord*:

**GREEK ROOT** *phil*

Means ____________________________

Words I know with *phil*:
1. *Philanthropist* means ________________
2. *Philharmonic* means ________________
3. *Philosopher* means ________________
4. Other words I know with *phil*:

**LATIN ROOT** *san*

Means ____________________________

Words I know with *san*:
1. *Insane* means ________________
2. *Sane* means ________________
3. *Sanitation* means ________________
4. Other words I know with *san*: