Who, Me? Yes, You!

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. Greek root for word: A dialogue is an exchange of words. A monologue is a long speech given by one actor. The prologue is the introduction that comes before the main story. To apologize is to say you are sorry.

Greek root for word: ___ ___ ___

2. Latin root for draw tight. Strict rules keep everything under control. To restrict is to hold something within fixed limits. A boa constrictor is a snake that suffocates its prey by squeezing it tight.

Latin root for draw tight: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

3. Latin root for greatest. To maximize is to make the most of something. The maximum is the very most something can be. A maxim is a short saying that makes the most of a few words to state a proven truth or general principle.

Latin root for greatest: ___ ___ ___ 8

4. Latin root for new. A novel is a new story. A novelty is something that is new, different, or unique. A novice is someone who has just started to learn or do something. A nova is a star that suddenly increases in brightness for a short time.

Latin root for new: ___ ___ ___ 5

5. Latin root for drive. To propel is to move forward. When you feel compelled, you feel you must do something. To be expelled is to be sent or driven away. Something that repels you drives you away. Propellers drive a plane or boat forward.

Latin root for drive: ___ ___ ___ 7 ___ 6

**BONUS** Write the numbered letters in the spaces below to spell out the Latin maxim that means “know yourself.”

1 2 3 4 5 4 6 1 7 1 8

This phrase is considered a maxim, an important truth. On the back of this sheet, explain why it is important to know yourself.
**Cloze Call**

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

1. The kids apo_______ ized for hitting the ball through the window.
2. The jeweled case was a _______ely no one could resist.
3. They sprayed insect re_______ lent before the barbecue.
4. The army re_______ed soldiers to the base.
5. The _______imum score you can earn is ten.

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 drive. ___ ___ ___
2. This Greek root means word. ___ ___ ___
3. This Latin root means draw tight. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
4. This Latin root means new. ___ ___ ___
5. This Greek root means greatest. ___ ___ ___

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

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P L C A S
E V O E T
L A T G R
E M V M I
P O A T C
N O R X T
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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. This Latin phrase means "Let the buyer beware."

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

What does this warning mean to you?
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 log, max, pel, strict  GREEK ROOT nov

CLUES

ACROSS

3. Because their coach was _______ about practice, the team won the championship.

5. In a book, this appears before Chapter 1.

7. A one-person show is often performed as a _______.

9. A few words that say a lot

10. The _______ act combined juggling, tap dancing, and singing.

DOWN

1. These spin quickly to lift a plane off the ground.

2. What _______ are you reading?

4. She performed her routine perfectly so the judges gave her the _______ score.

6. If the bandage is too tight it will do this to blood flow.

8. The student was _______ for fighting.

Unscramble the letters in the shaded boxes to spell an antonym for one of the roots.

____  ______  ______  ______  ______

The mystery root means ____________________
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.

GREEK ROOT log

Means ____________________________

Words I know with log:
1. Apologize means ____________________
2. Dialogue means ____________________
3. Prologue means ____________________
4. Other words I know with log:

LATIN ROOT max

Means ____________________________

Words I know with max:
1. Maxim means ____________________
2. Maximize means ____________________
3. Maximum means ____________________
4. Other words I know with max:

LATIN ROOT nov

Means ____________________________

Words I know with nov:
1. Nova means ____________________
2. Novel means ____________________
3. Novelty means ____________________
4. Other words I know with nov:

LATIN ROOT pel

Means ____________________________

Words I know with pel:
1. Expel means ____________________
2. Propel means ____________________
3. Repel means ____________________
4. Other words I know with pel:

LATIN ROOT strict

Means ____________________________

Words I know with strict:
1. Constrict means ____________________
2. Strict means ____________________
3. Restrict means ____________________
4. Other words I know with strict: