

LESSON 5

Word Parts and Meanings

pat, mat, frat

LIST 1

expatriate
patriotic
patron
patronize

pat

Pat is a Latin root that means “father.”

- Words containing *pat* usually have something to do with fatherhood.



When you see *pat*, think of **paternal** (of or like a “father”; fatherly).

Clues to Meaning Use *pat* as a clue to the meanings of the underlined words.

- The government decided to expatriate all of those people who had participated in the attempted revolution and gave them one week to leave the country.
- Some people consider it patriotic to criticize their country, because pointing out its faults shows they love and are loyal to their country.
- As a patron of the theater, I try to support actors and playwrights with money, help, and attendance at plays.
- To support our community businesses, we patronize only local stores instead of shopping at malls or big chain stores.

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LIST 2

maternal
matriarch
matrimony
matrix

mat

Mat is a Latin root that means “mother.”

- Words containing *mat* usually have something to do with motherhood.



When you see *mat*, think of **maternity** (“motherhood”).

Clues to Meaning Use *mat* as a clue to the meanings of the underlined words.

Fifty years ago my grandmother and grandfather entered into matrimony, and they remained married until my grandfather’s death two years ago. Their marriage was the matrix of our family, the relationship where our family began. They had five children, and my grandmother always had strong maternal feelings for all of them. After my grandfather’s death, my grandmother became our matriarch, the head of the family, until her own death earlier this year. We miss her every day.

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frat

LIST 3

Frat is a Latin root that means “brother.”

- Words containing the root *frat* usually have something to do with brothers or a relationship such as brothers might have.
- Use *frat* as a clue to meaning when you come across words that contain this root.



When you see *frat*, think of *fraternity* (college young men getting together like “brothers”).

fraternal
fraternization
fraternize
interfraternity

Clues to Meaning Use *frat* as a clue to the meanings of the underlined words.

- My uncle belongs to a fraternal organization. He goes to meetings and hangs out with his buddies every Friday night.
- During the Allied occupation of Nazi Germany, fraternization between American soldiers and German civilians was strictly forbidden—there was to be no social interaction.
- When the competition was finally over, the two basketball teams were able to fraternize freely, shooting baskets and building friendships.
- In a show of interfraternity cooperation, the men’s social organizations on campus decided to work together to donate their time and effort at the local food pantry.

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In Your Notebook Write each list word and its meaning. Next to each word, write a synonym. To check a meaning, use a dictionary.

Etymology Study

Etymology is the “explanation of the origin and history of a word.” When you see word parts whose etymology you know, you can figure out what the word means. For example, the word *expatriate* has two Latin origins, *ex* meaning “out of” and *patria* meaning “fatherland,” or native country. Knowing that, you can deduce that to expatriate someone (verb) is to send the person out of the person’s own country. An expatriate (noun) is a person who lives outside of his or her native country, whether or not by that person’s choice.

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Apply and Extend

Did you know?

The Latin root for *sister* is *soror*. Similar roots are found in Sanskrit and Old Norse. Two English words with this root are *sorority* and *sororal*.

List 1

Find one more word with the root *pat*. Write a sentence using your new word and one or two list words. Provide context that shows that you understand the meanings of the words.

List 2

Choose two words from the list and write a sentence using both. Provide context that shows you understand the meanings of both words.

List 3

Write a sentence or two explaining how students can fraternize with each other and help their community at the same time.

Act It Out Put your acting talent to work. Work with several classmates to perform a skit based on some of the passages in this lesson. Choose a narrator and students to play the characters in the passage. Become your character!



LIST WORDS

carbohydrate
exercise
mineral
prescription
protein
ration
virus
vitamin

Use Context as Clues to Meaning

You have already learned one meaning of the word *matrix*. In biology, *matrix* refers to the material between cells in the human body. What does it have to do with *mater* for “mother”? This material originated in the womb!

Our bodies depend on many elements to stay healthy. One of those is carbohydrates. The word *carbohydrate* has three parts. *Carbo* (like the word *carbon*) comes from the Latin word for coal, *carbonem*. *Hydr* (like the word *hydrogen*) comes from the Greek word for water, *hydor*. The suffix *ate* is used to name a compound.

carbo (coal) + hydr (water) + ate (compound) = carbohydrate
(a compound that contains carbon and hydrogen)

At the right are more words related to health and nutrition. You may come across these words in your health or science class.

Read the paragraph below. How does the context help you understand the meanings of the underlined words?

If you are looking for ways to be healthy, there are some simple changes you can make in your life. First, get moving! Get lots of aerobic exercise, such as biking, swimming, or jogging. Second, eat a balanced diet. Don’t eat too many carbohydrates, such as rice, pasta, and bread. Instead, eat lean meat, fish, eggs, legumes, or dairy products. These will provide you with amino acids, which your body needs to make proteins. It is also important to get enough vitamins and minerals. Both are substances required to nourish the body. For example, eat citrus fruits—such as oranges—to get vitamin C, and drink milk for calcium. Third, to keep down your weight, watch how many calories you eat each day. Read the labels on food packages to find out the healthy ration of that food, the ideal amount to eat. Fourth, take only those medications that your doctor orders for you with a written prescription. And finally, if you do get a virus, such as a cold or the flu, stay in bed and drink plenty of fluids until you feel better.

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In Your Notebook Write each list word and its meaning.
To check a meaning, use a dictionary.

Have you heard these expressions?

- aerobic exercise
- animal, vegetable, or mineral?
- go viral
- vitamin-rich

Using a Glossary

A glossary is a specialized dictionary that covers a set of related words. Since different branches of the sciences and social studies have their own special vocabularies, books on those subjects usually have a glossary at the back of the book explaining words in that book and field of study. In addition to definitions, glossaries often provide the pronunciations and parts of speech for words. While a dictionary might give multiple definitions for a word, a glossary may offer only one or two definitions for the words, but they will be the definitions used in that field of study. The next time you are reading a science book or a social studies book, check the glossary to find the meanings of words you don't know.

The glossary at the back of this book includes the words presented in the lessons. You may want to consult it first when looking up your list words.

Apply and Extend

- Write two or three sentences that describe how you feel about exercise.
- What do you do to stay healthy? Write two or three sentences, using some of the list words.

Clue Review Play a word game with one of your classmates. Choose one of the list words. Give your partner a clue about the word. Did your partner guess the word correctly? If not, provide another clue until your partner correctly identifies the word. Then switch roles.

