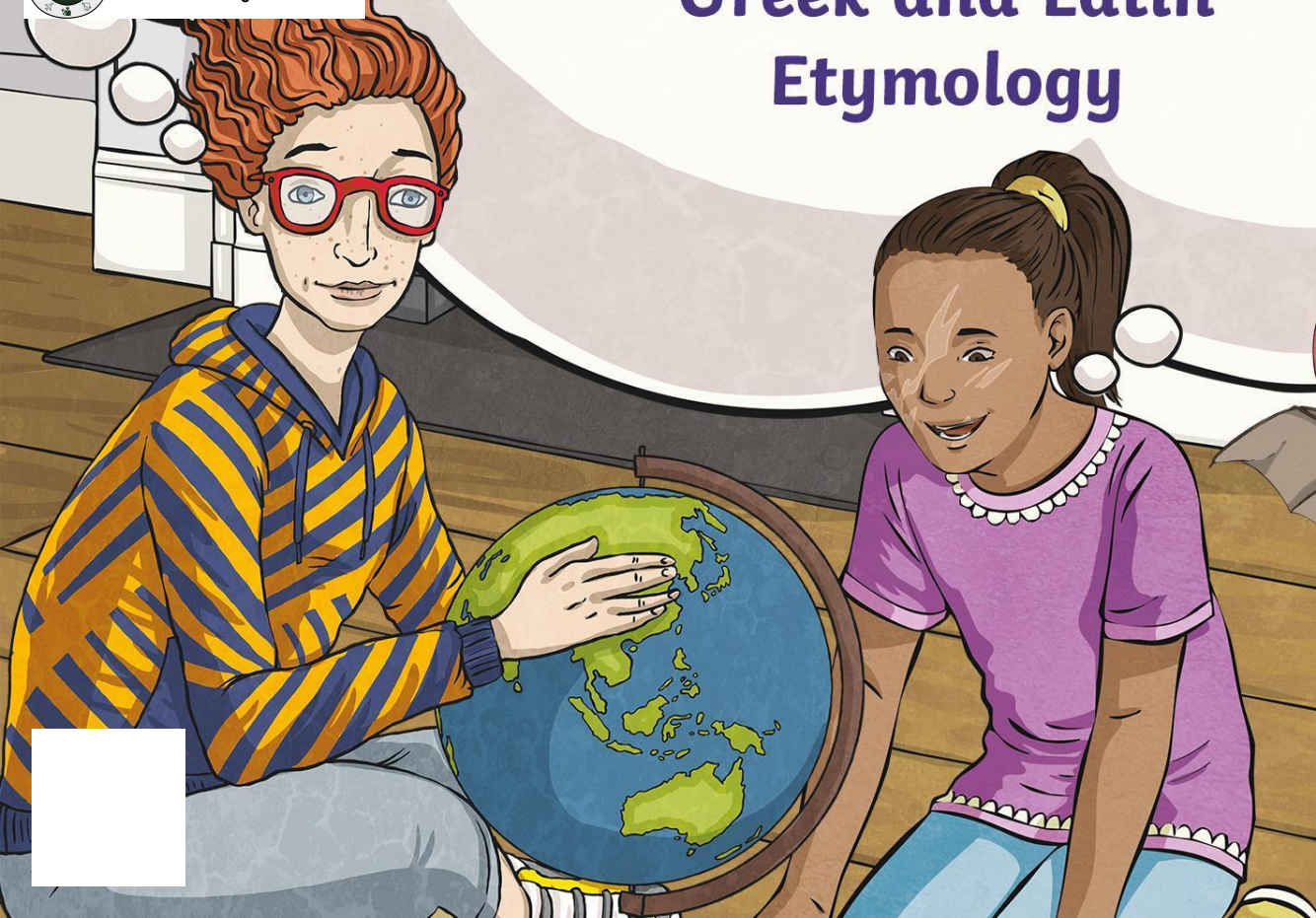


Where in the World Is That Word From?



Greek and Latin Etymology





Definitions

Etymology is the study of where words come from (origins) and how their meanings have changed over time (in history).

A **root word** is a word part that forms the basis for new words through adding **prefixes** and **suffixes**.

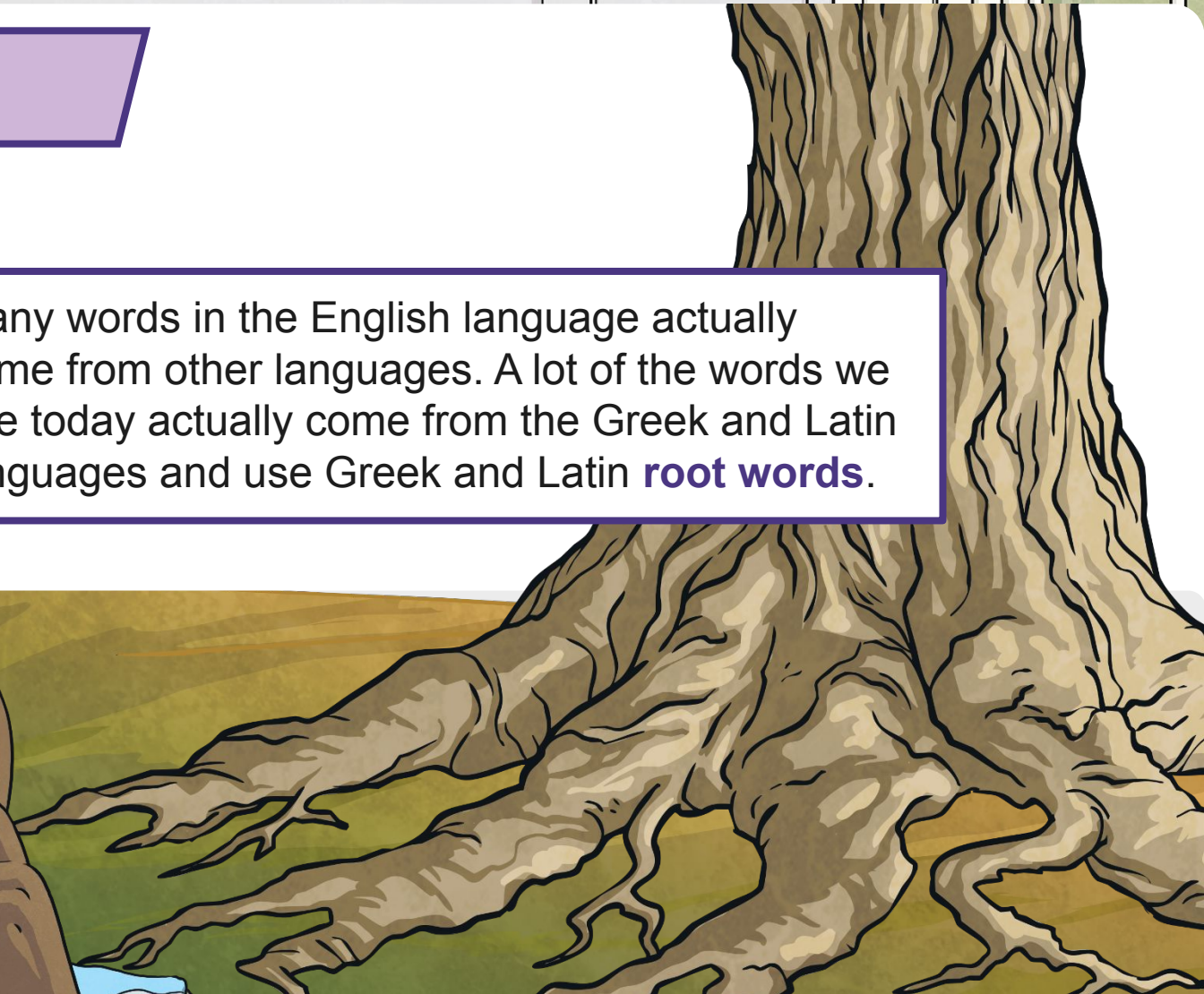
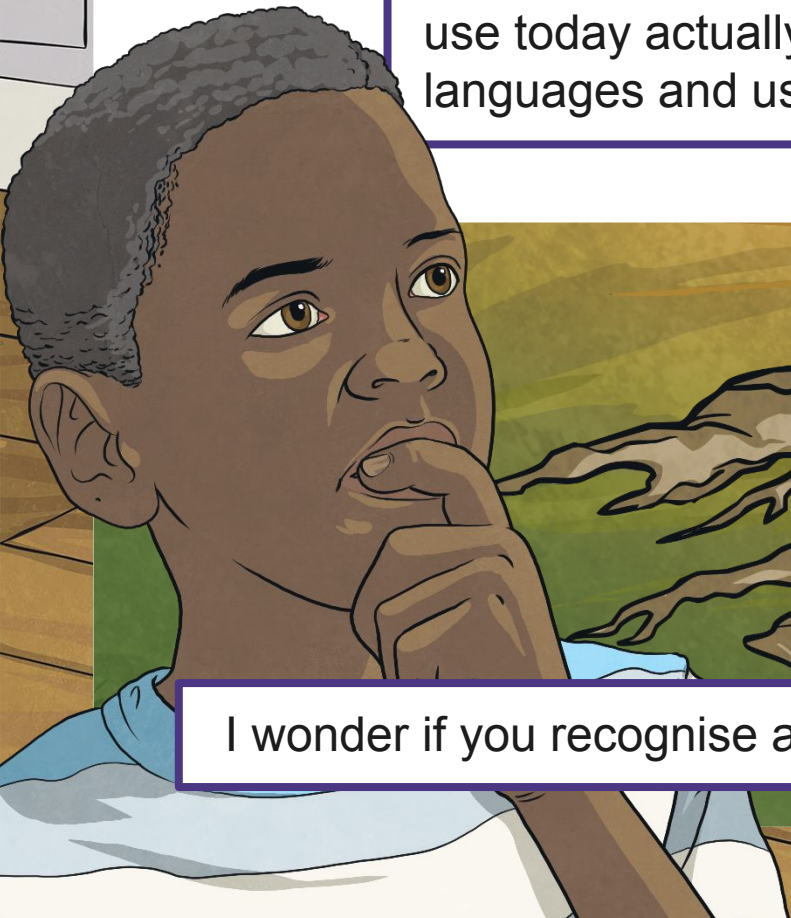
Understanding where the root word comes from, and what it means, can help you understand the meaning of new words as you encounter them.



Root Words

Many words in the English language actually come from other languages. A lot of the words we use today actually come from the Greek and Latin languages and use Greek and Latin **root words**.

I wonder if you recognise any of these common words we use today?

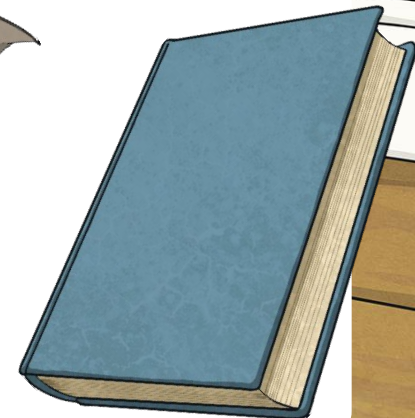
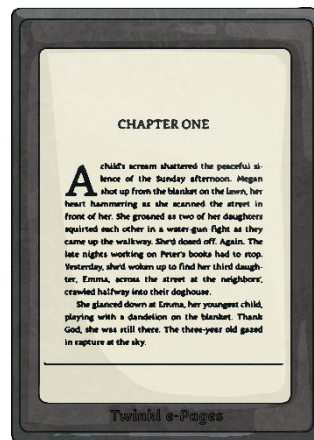
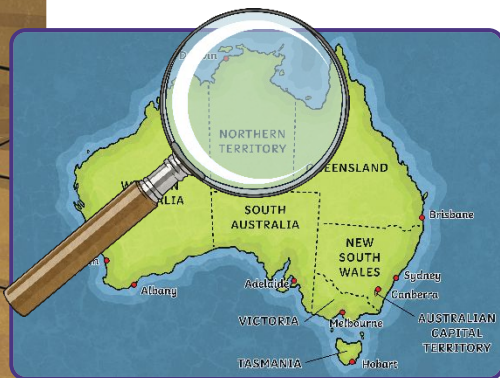




Greek Root Words

The word **graph** comes from the Greek language. It means **write**.

Can you think of any words that we use today that contain the root word **graph**?





Greek Root Words

graph

Did you
come up
with any
of these?

homograph
geography
biography
autobiography
paragraph
cartography



Greek Root Words

tele

meaning far

How many words containing **tele** can you think of?

- tele**phone
- tele**graph
- tele**vision
- tele**cast
- tele**scope
- tele**thon



Greek Root Words

anti

meaning
opposite/against

How many
words
containing
anti can you
think of?

antidote
antibiotics
antionym
antipathy
antisocial



Greek Root Words

Look at these words, can you work out the Greek root word they are all based on?

autograph

automobile

automatic

autofocus

auto

What do you think **auto** means in English?

self





Greek Root Words

What about these?

photograph

photosensitiv

photocopy

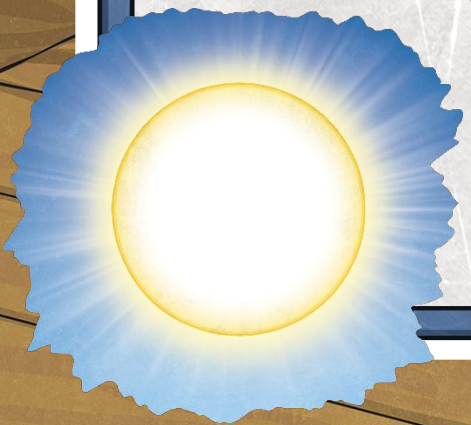
photosynthesis

phot

o

What do you think **photo** means in English?

light





Greek Root Words

What about these?

geode

geology

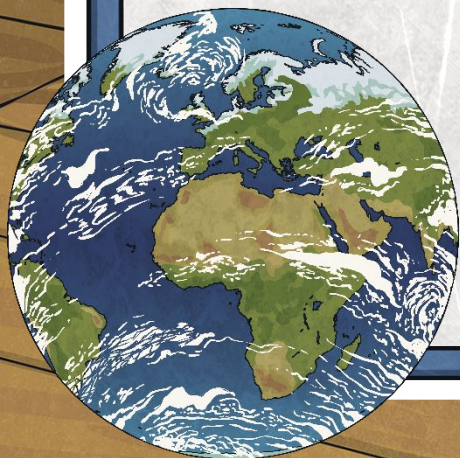
geothermal

geography

geo

What do you think **geo** means in English?

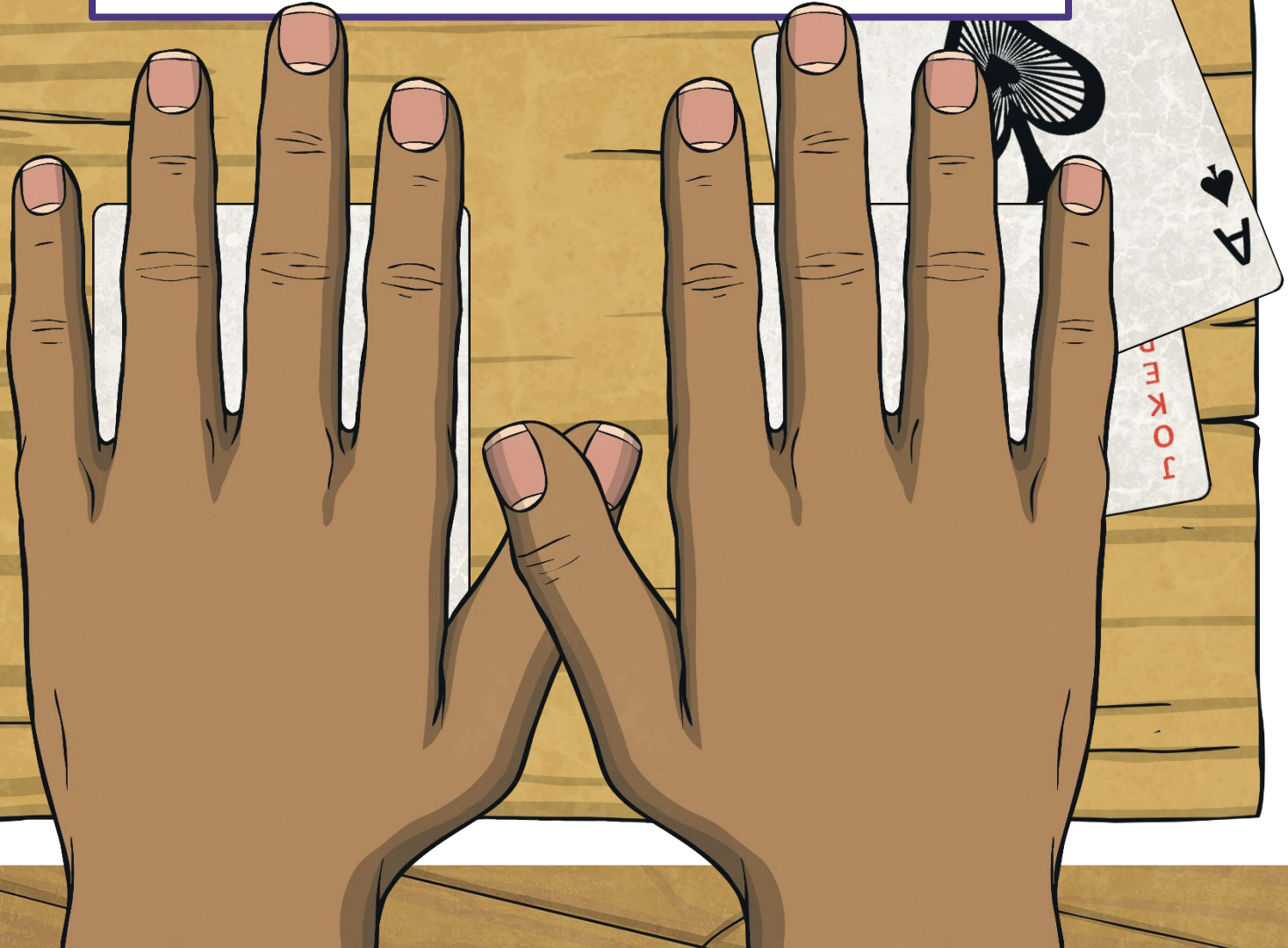
earth





Greek Root Words

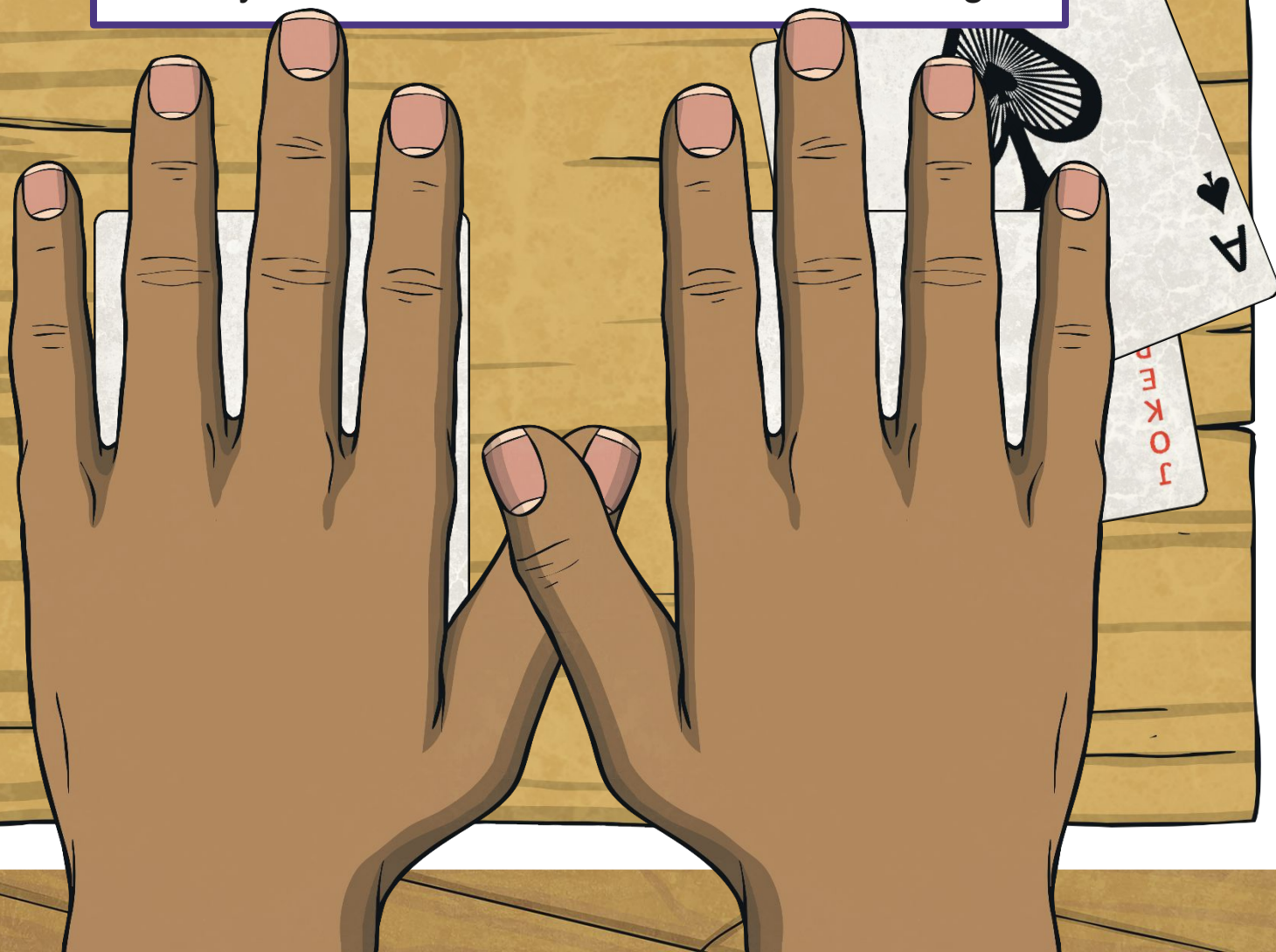
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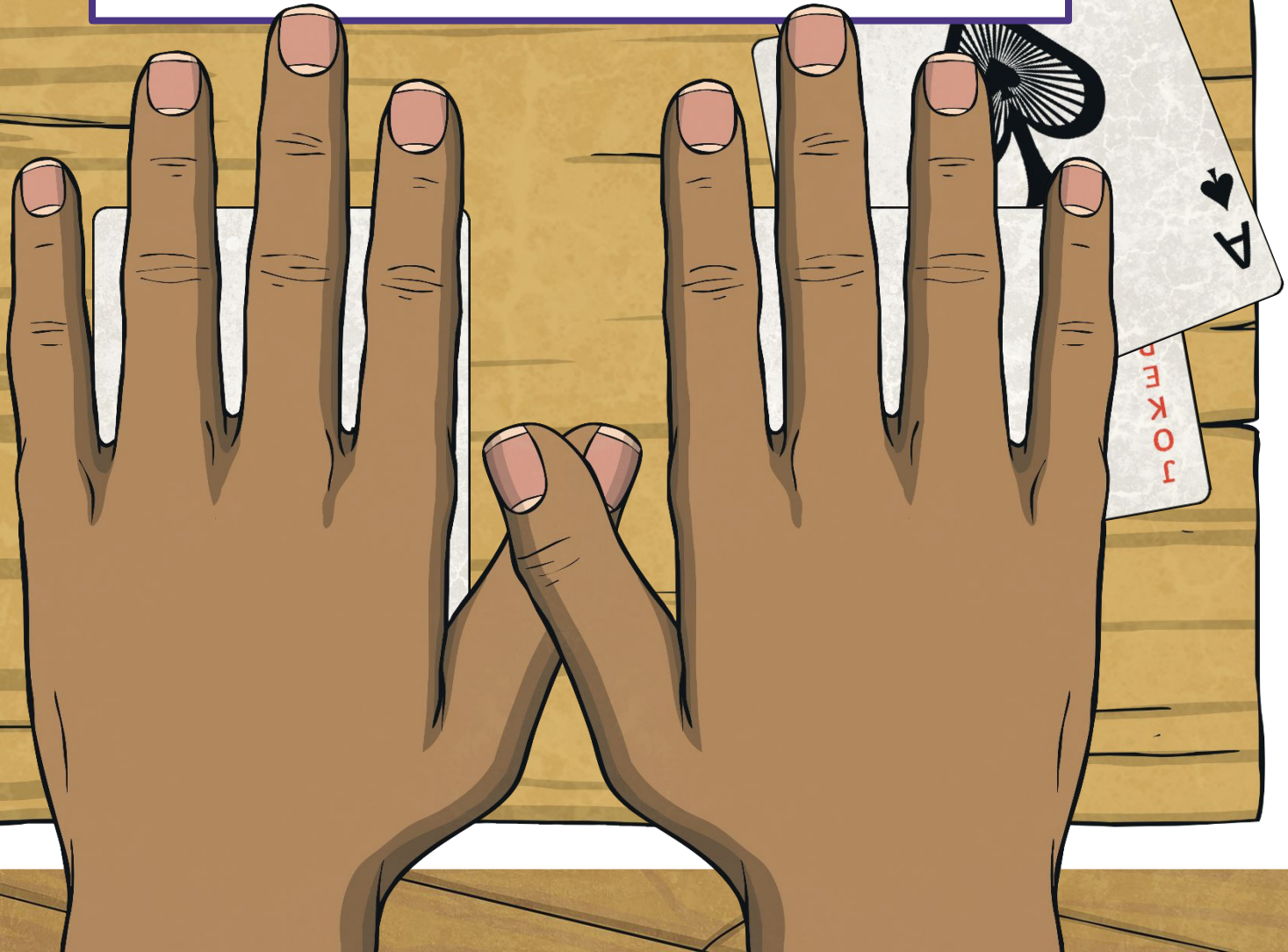
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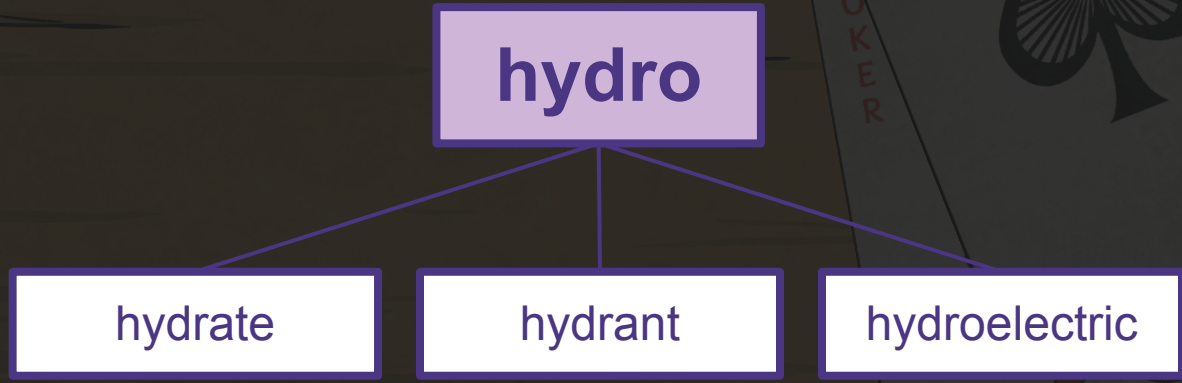
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Greek Root Words

What is the root word in these words?



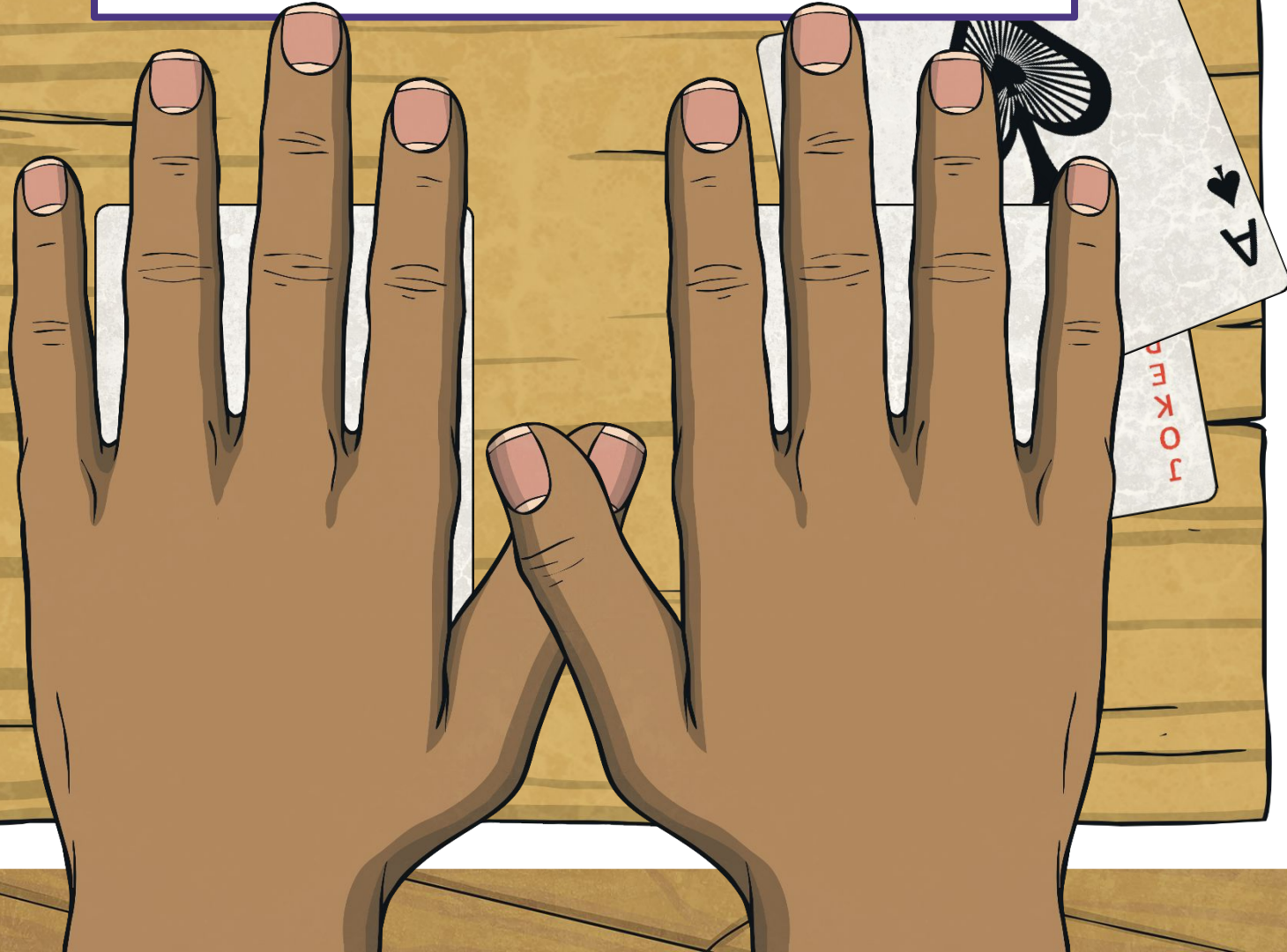
What does **hydro** mean?

water



Greek Root Words

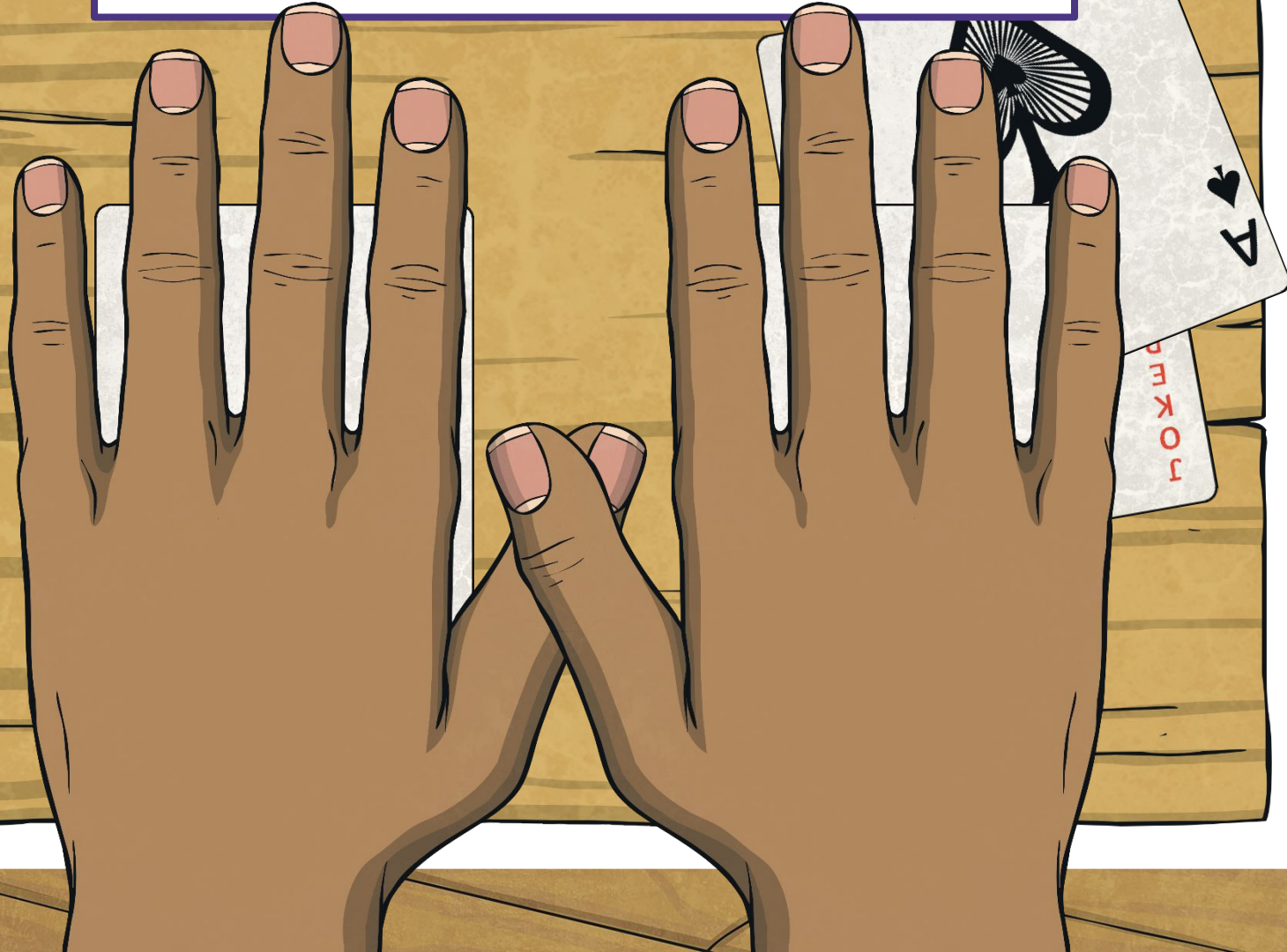
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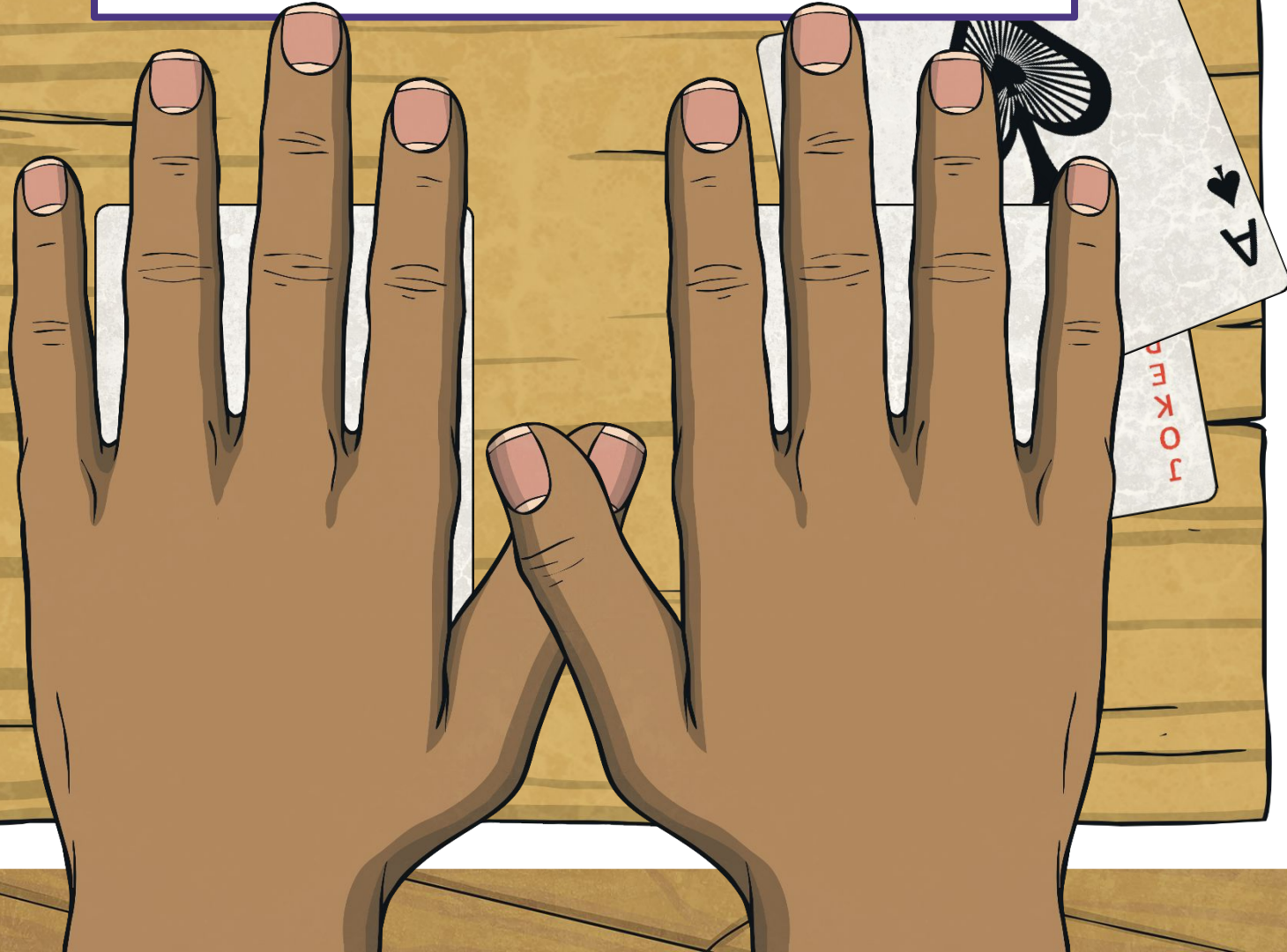
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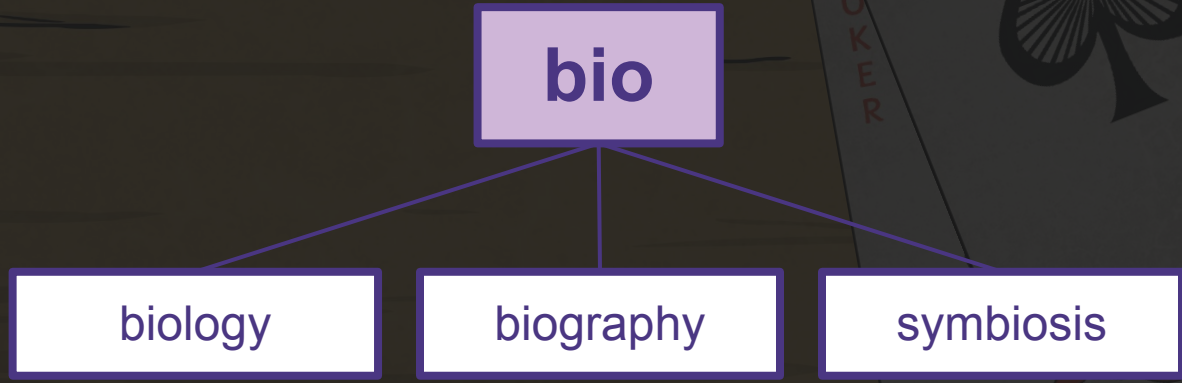
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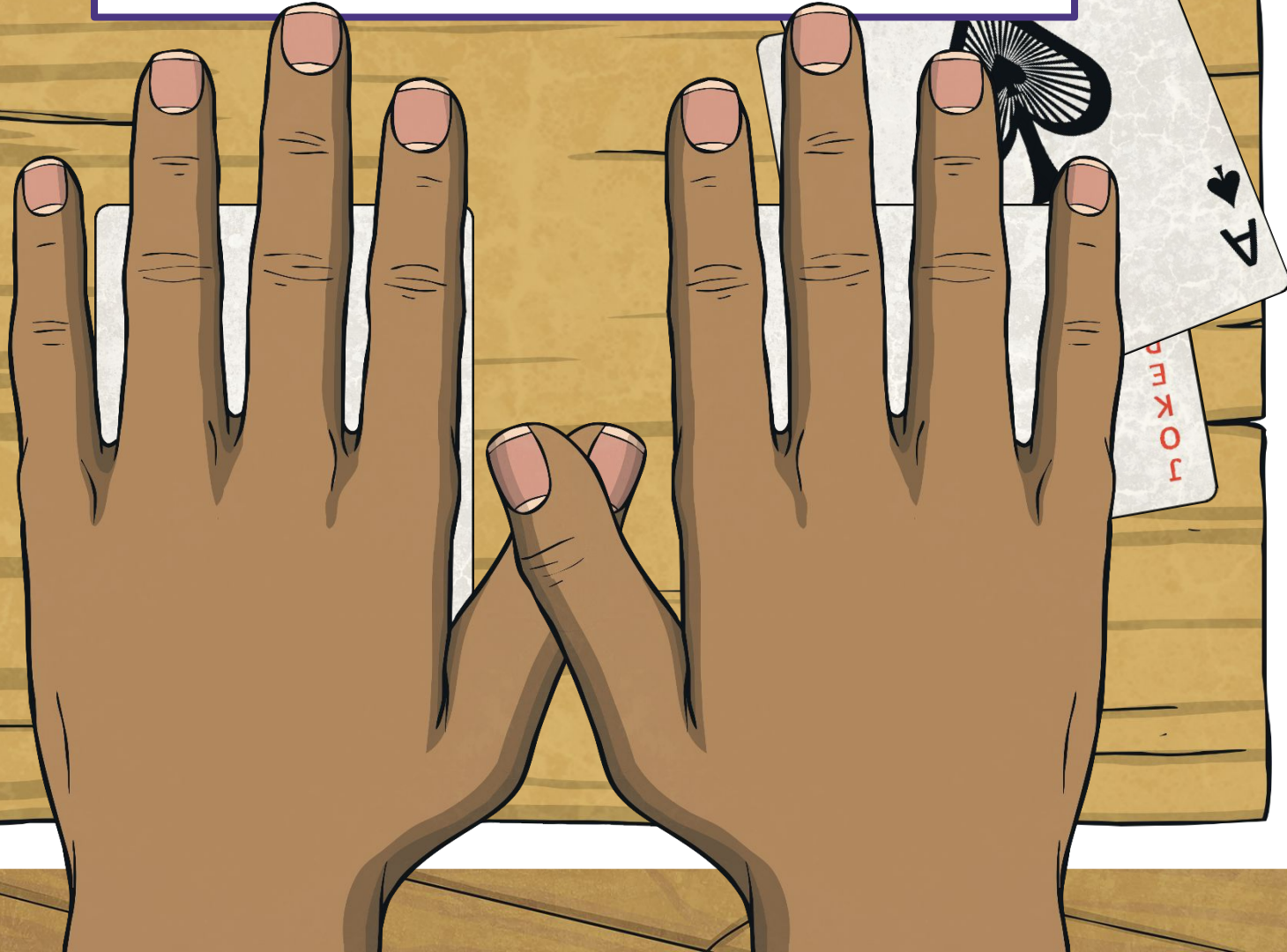
What does **bio** mean?

life



Greek Root Words

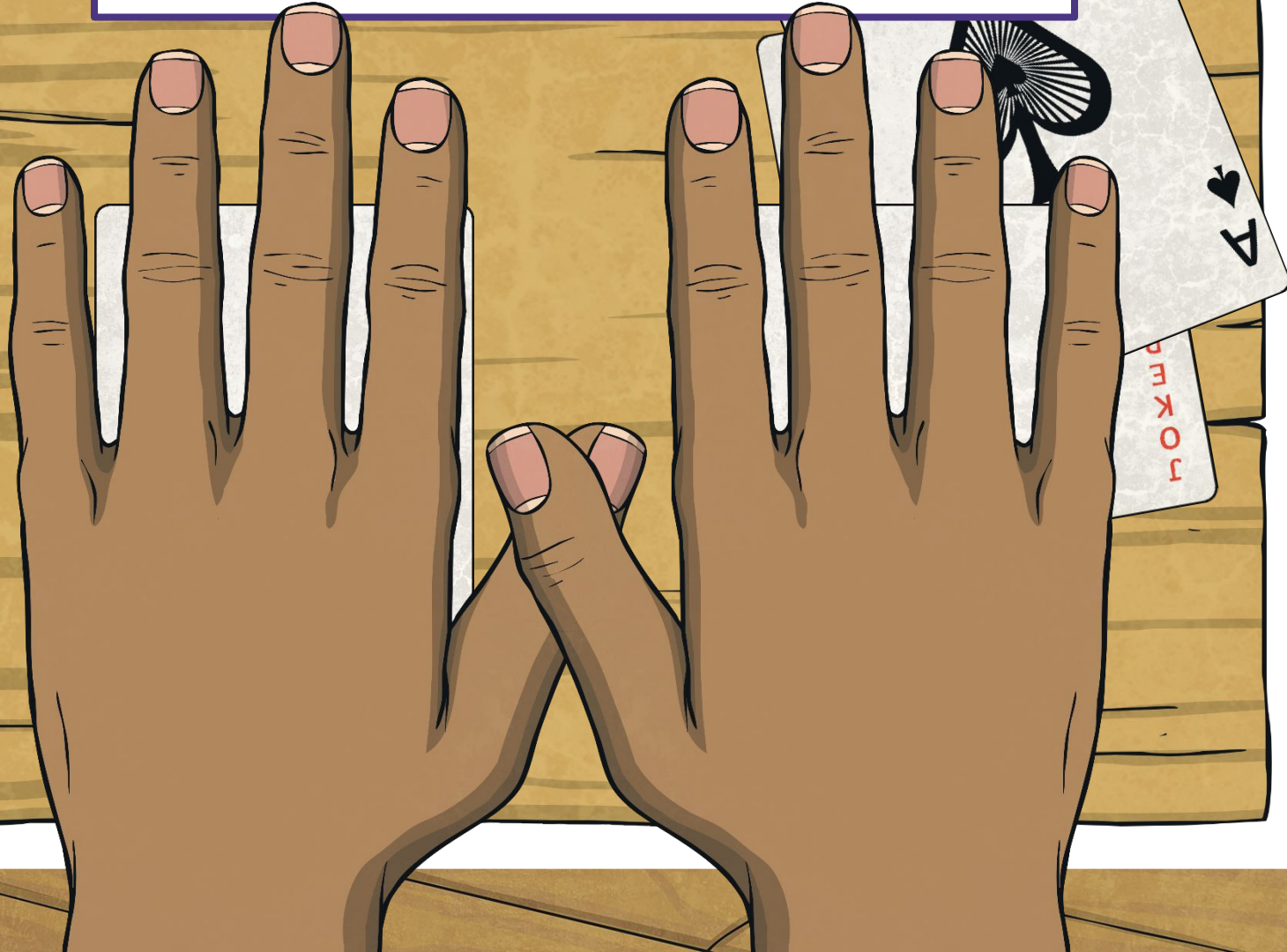
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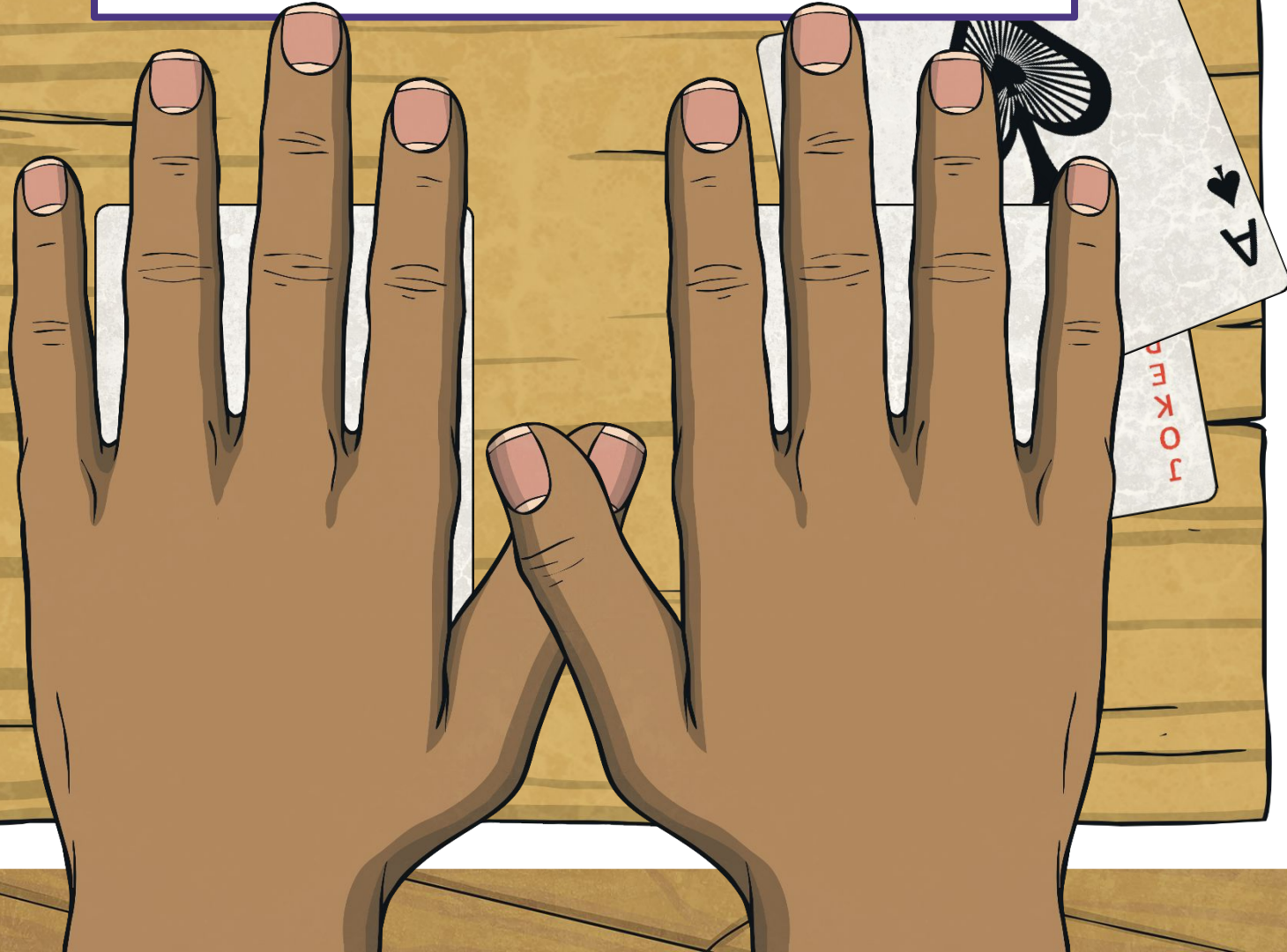
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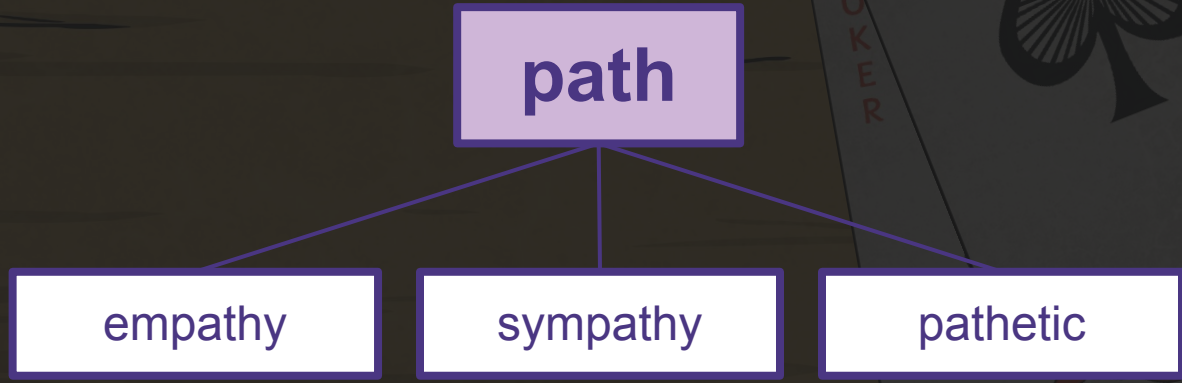
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Greek Root Words

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What does **path** mean?

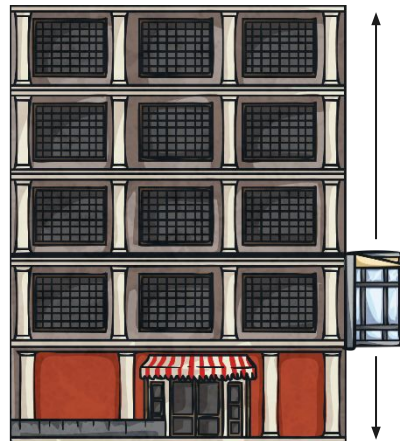
feel



Latin Root Words

The word **lev** comes from the Latin language. It means to **lift**.

Can you think of any words that we use today that contain the root word **lev**?





Latin Root Words

lev

Did you
come up
with any
of these?

levitate
al**lev**iate
lever
levity
e**lev**ator



Latin Root Words

brev

meaning short

How many
words
containing
brev can
you think
of?

abbreviate
brevity
brief
breviary
brevicollis



Latin Root Words

audi

meaning to hear

How many words containing **audi** can you think of?

- audible**
- audition**
- audience**
- audio**
- audit**



Latin Root Words

Look at these words, can you work out the Latin root word they are all based on?

beneficial

benefit

benefactor

benevolent

bene

What do you think **bene** means in English?

good





Latin Root Words

What about these ones?

quit

unrequited

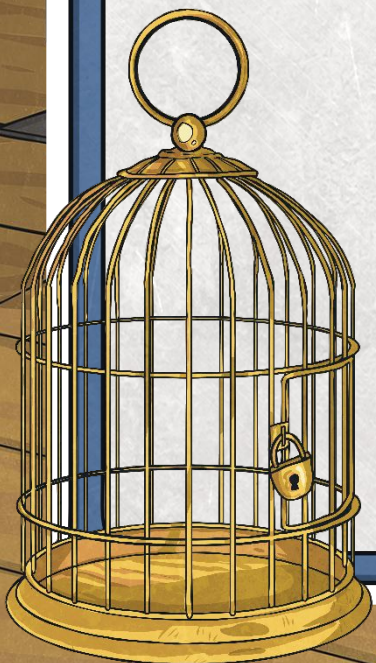
acquittal

acquit

quit

What do you think **quit** means in English?

To release





Latin Root Words

What about these ones?

omnivore

omnibus

omnipotent

omnify

omni

What do you think **omni** means in English?

all

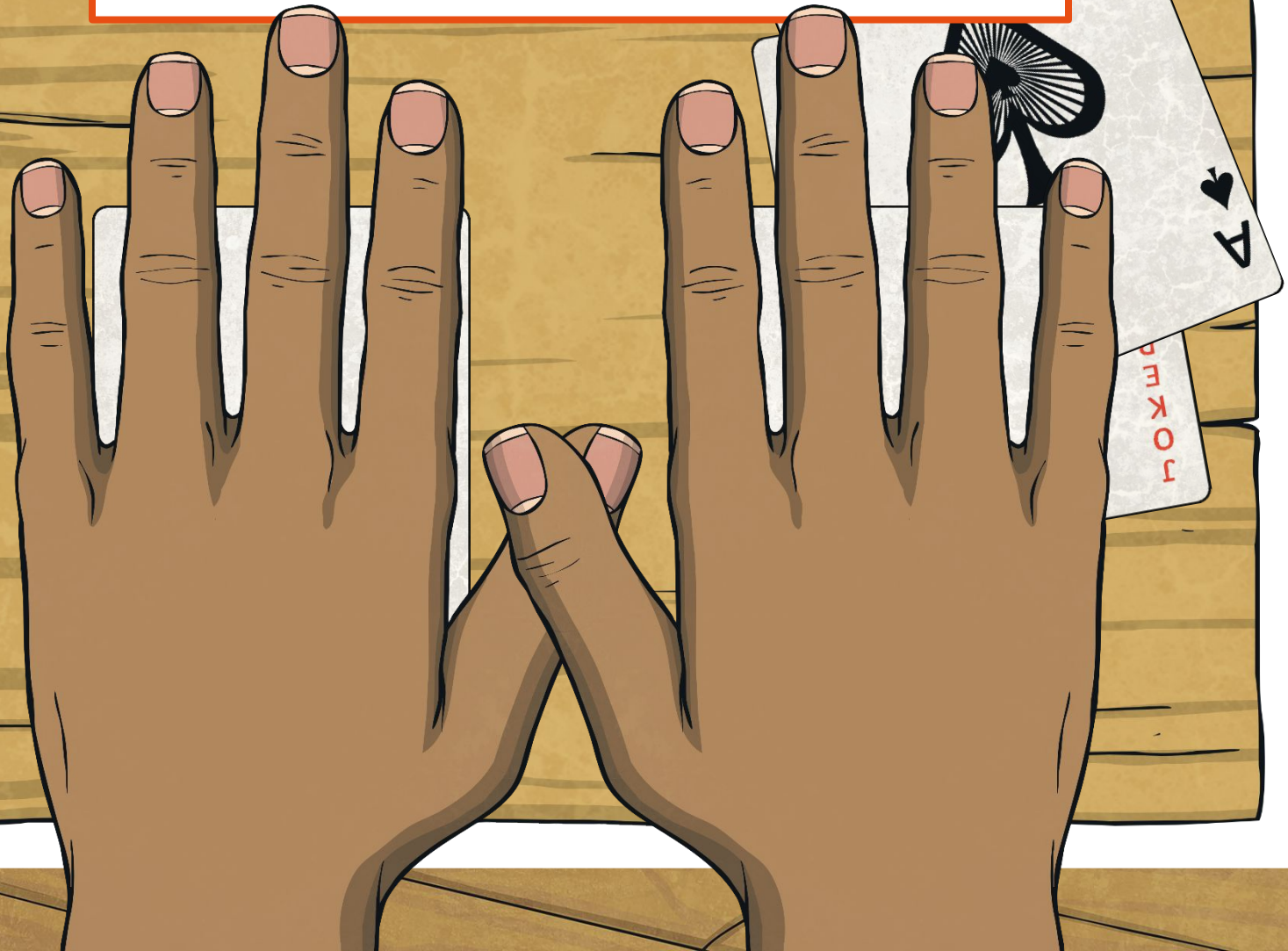




Latin Root

Words

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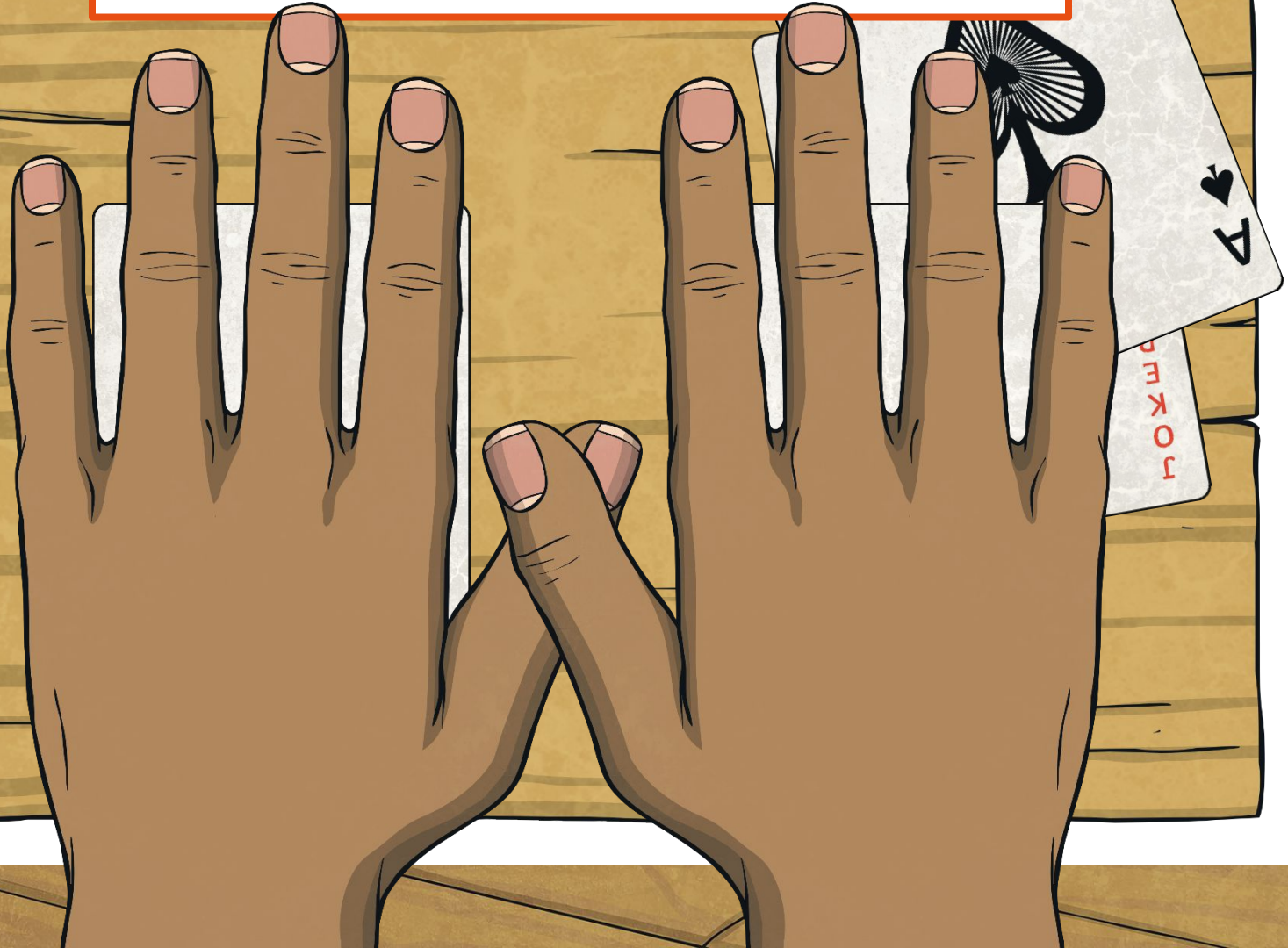




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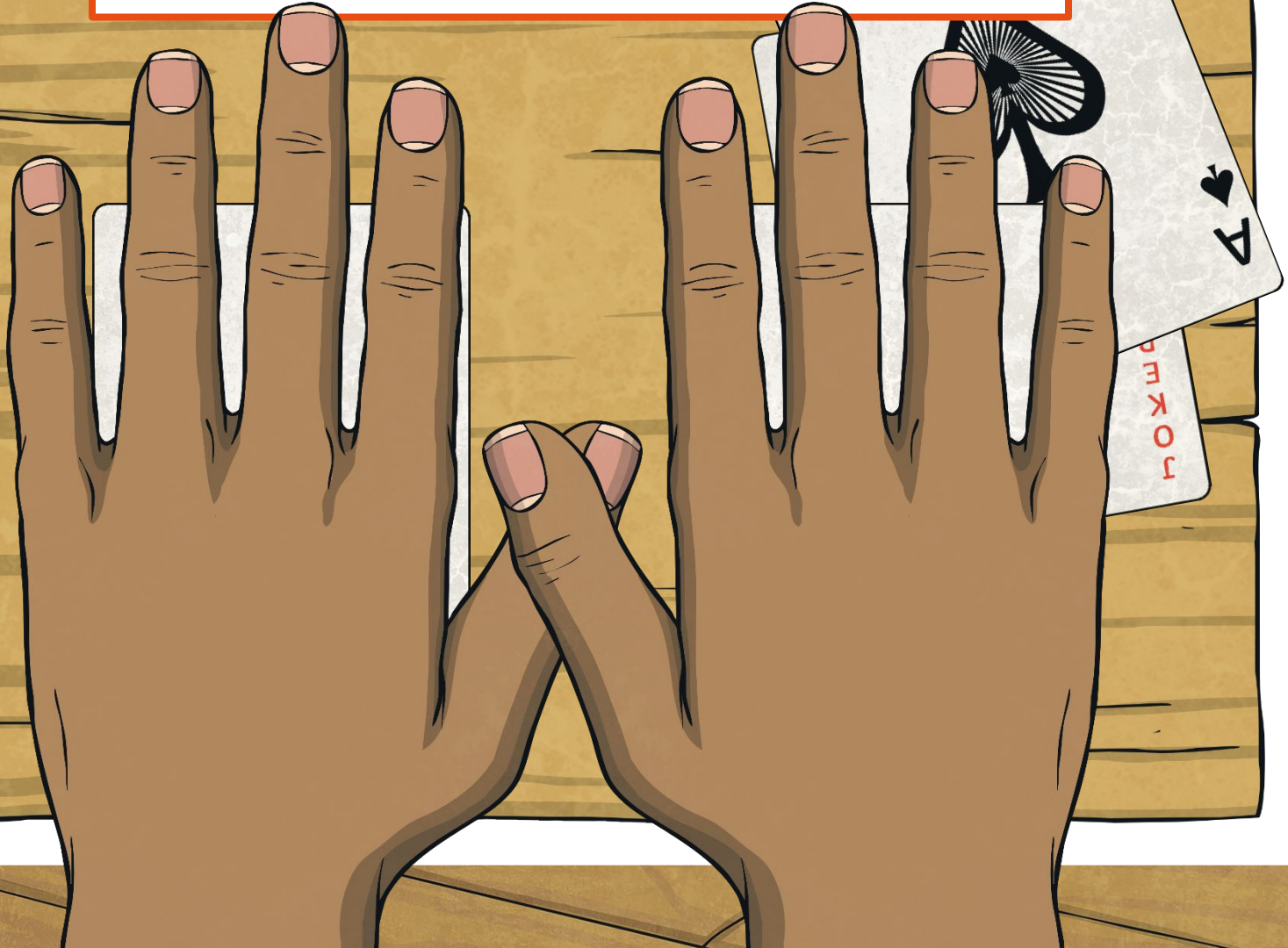




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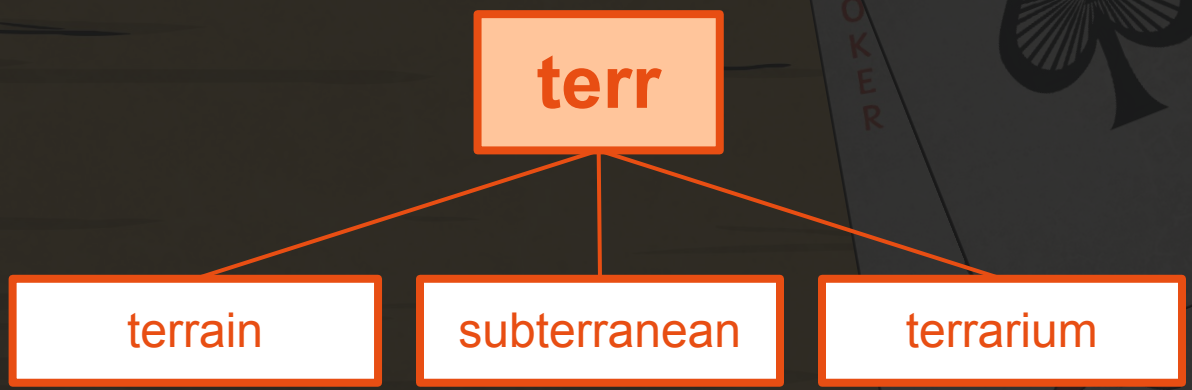
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Latin Root Words

What is the root word in these words?



What does **terr** mean?

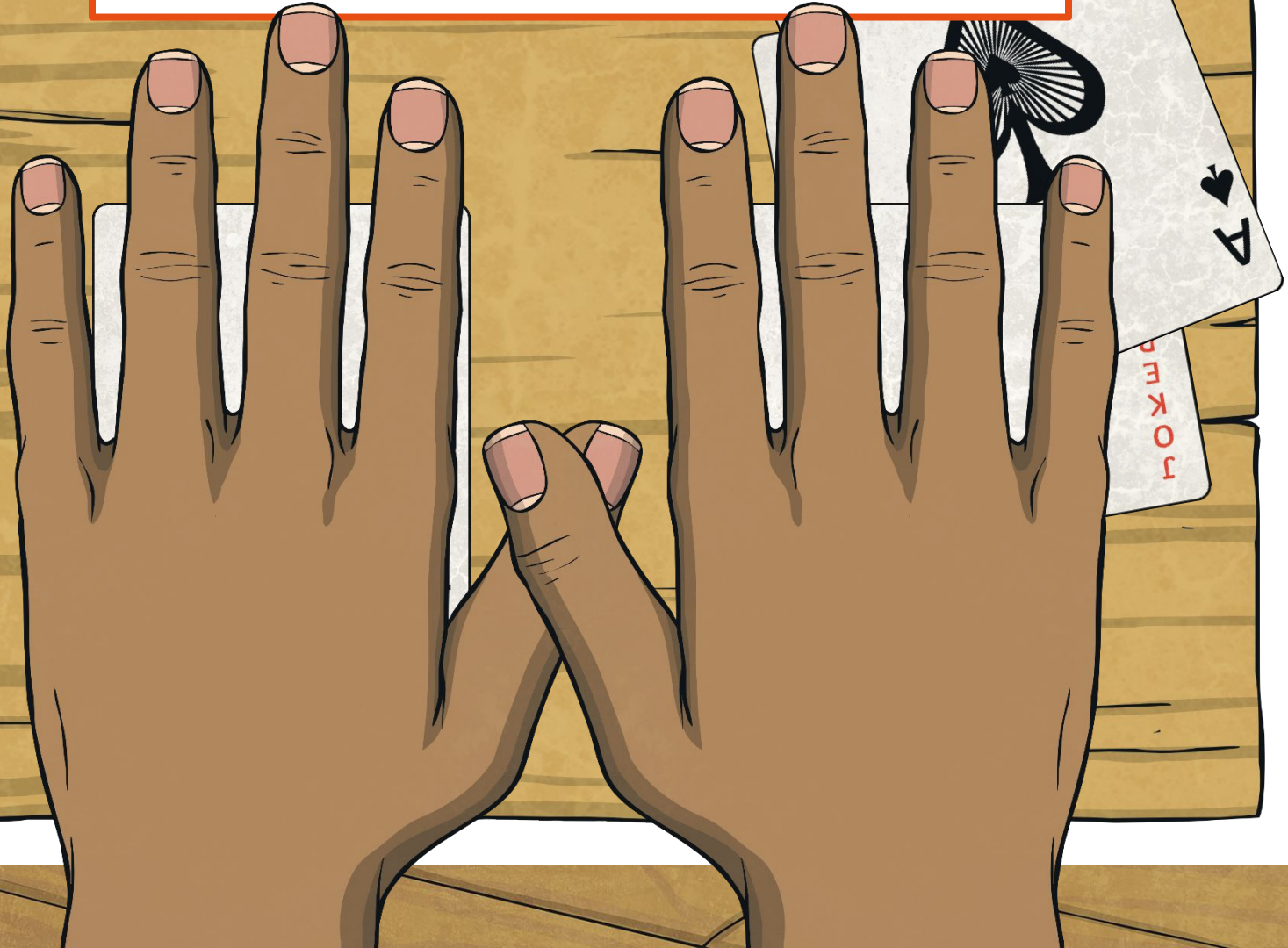
earth/land



Latin Root

Words

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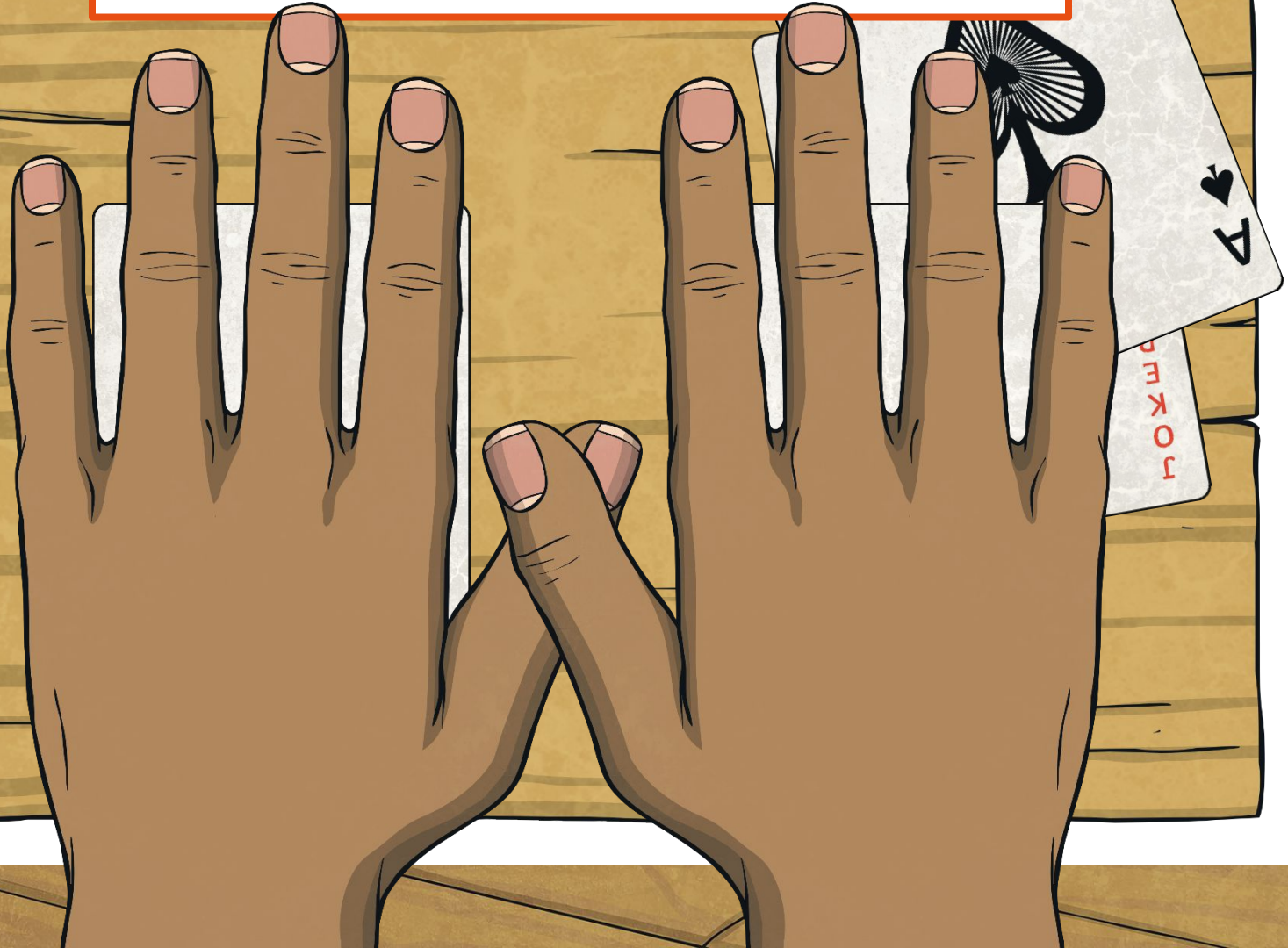




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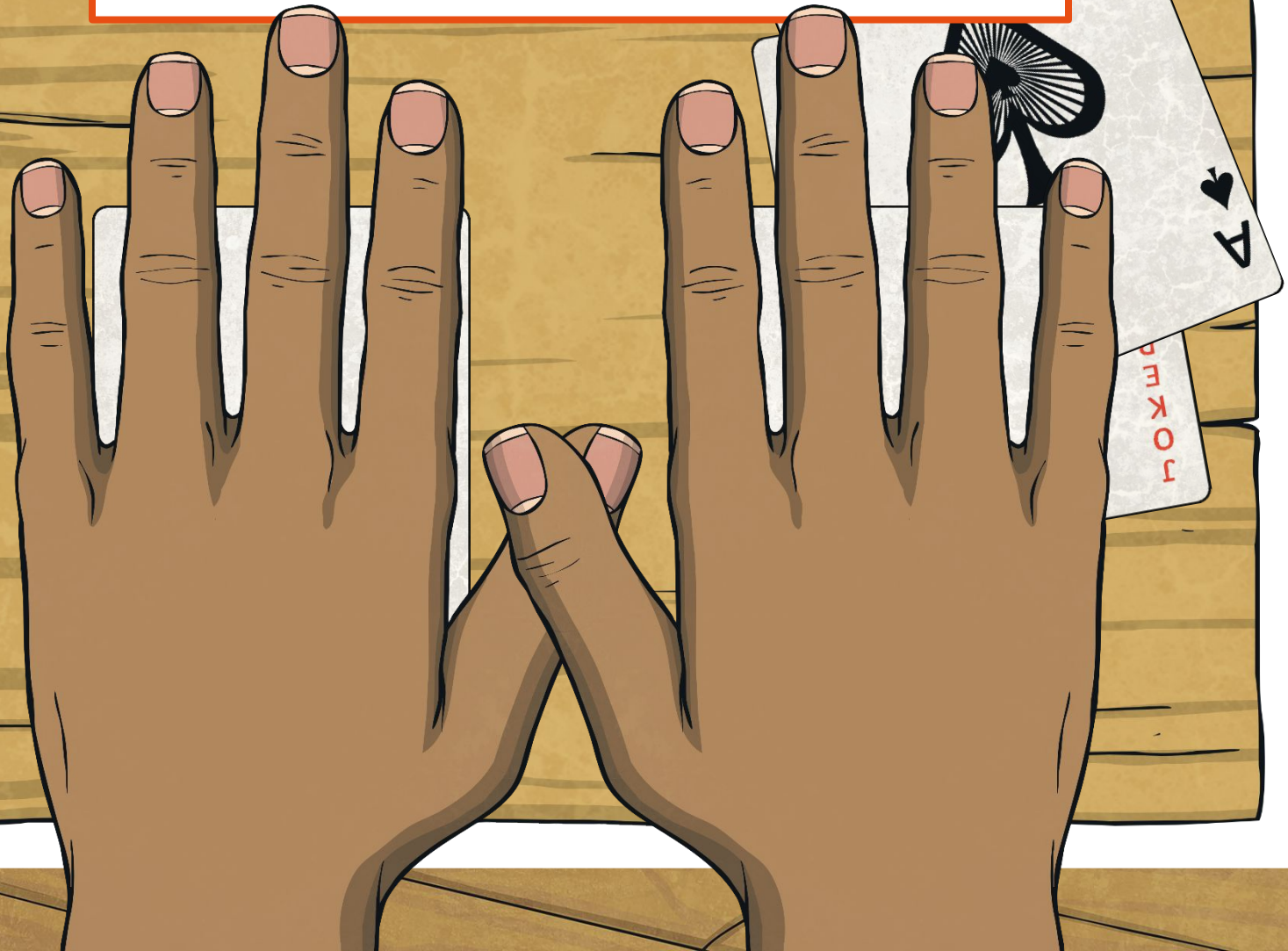




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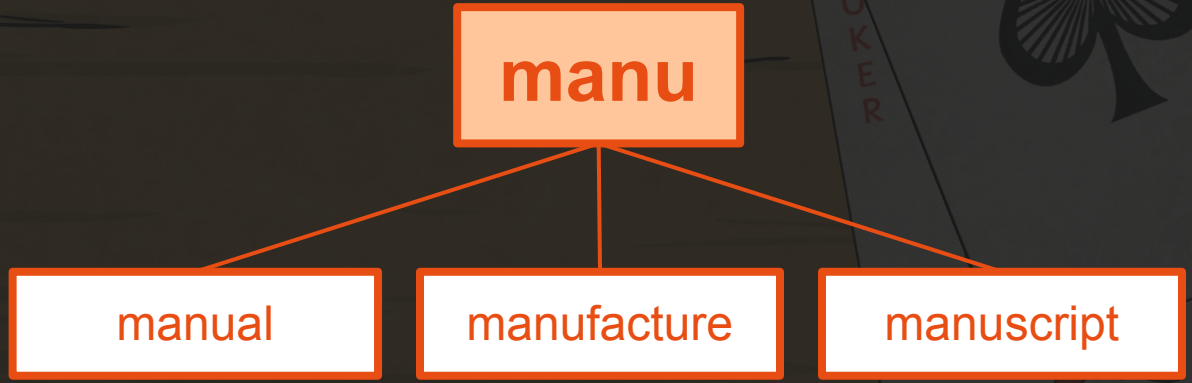
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Latin Root Words

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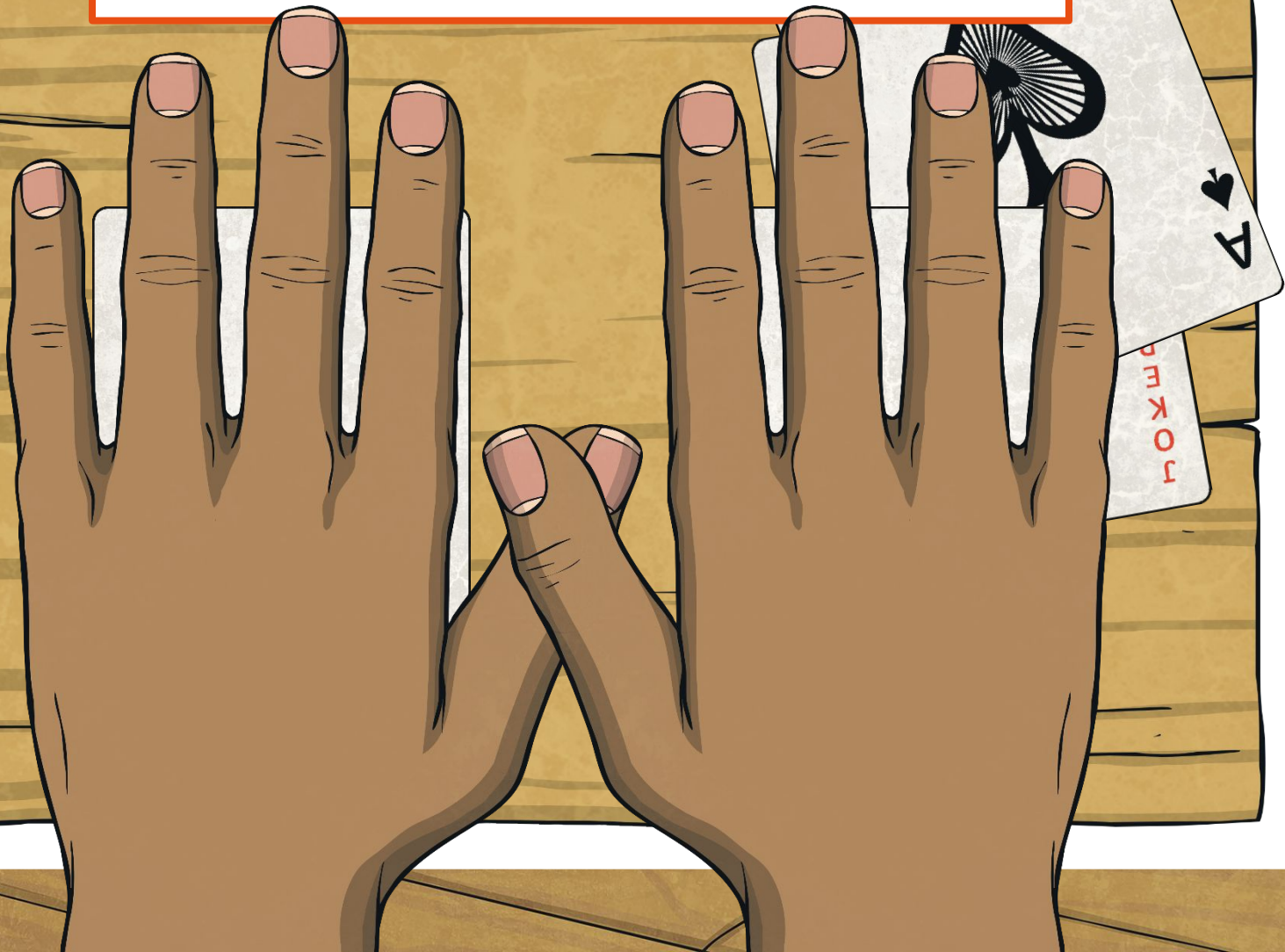
hand



Latin Root

Words

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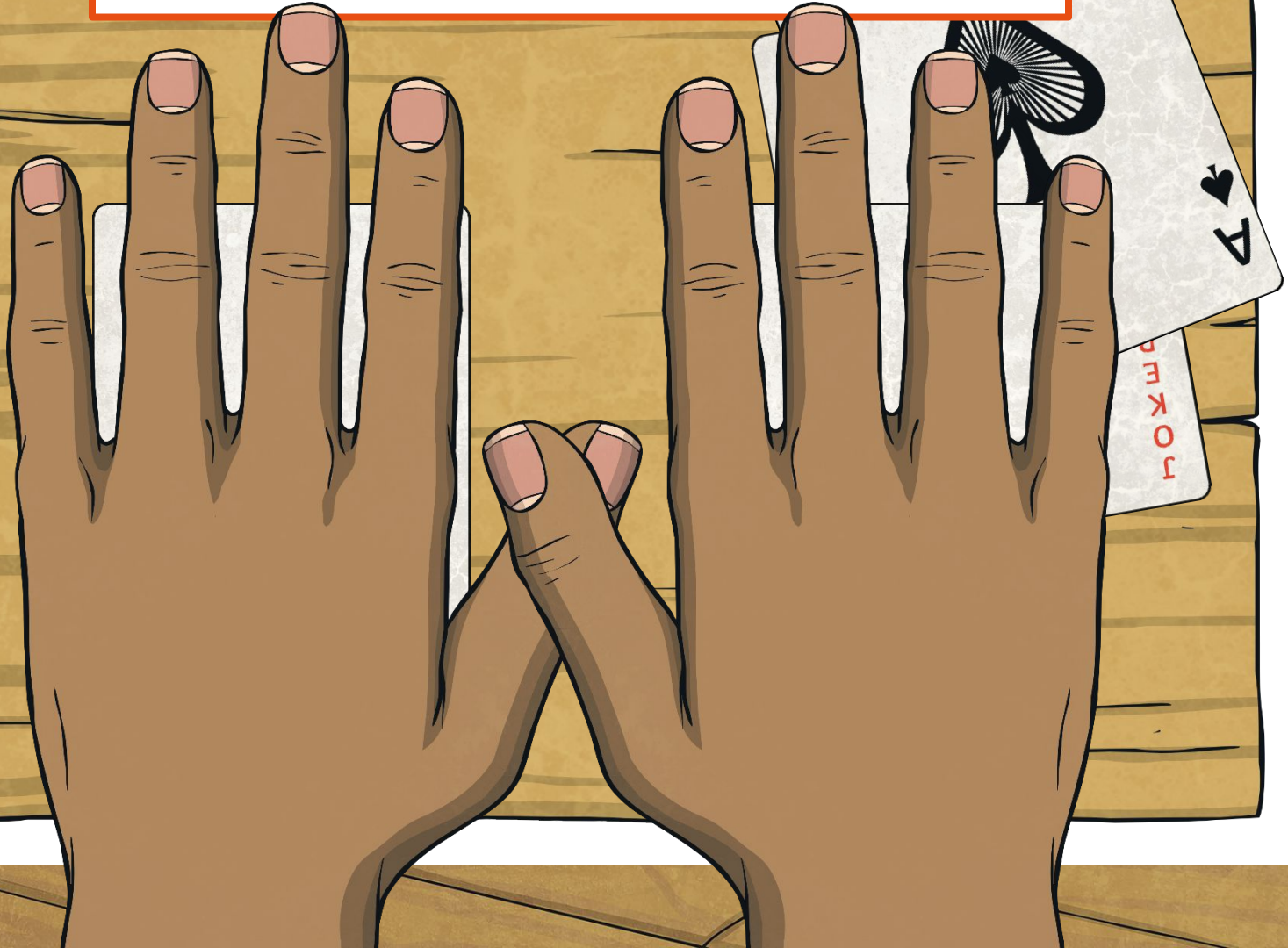




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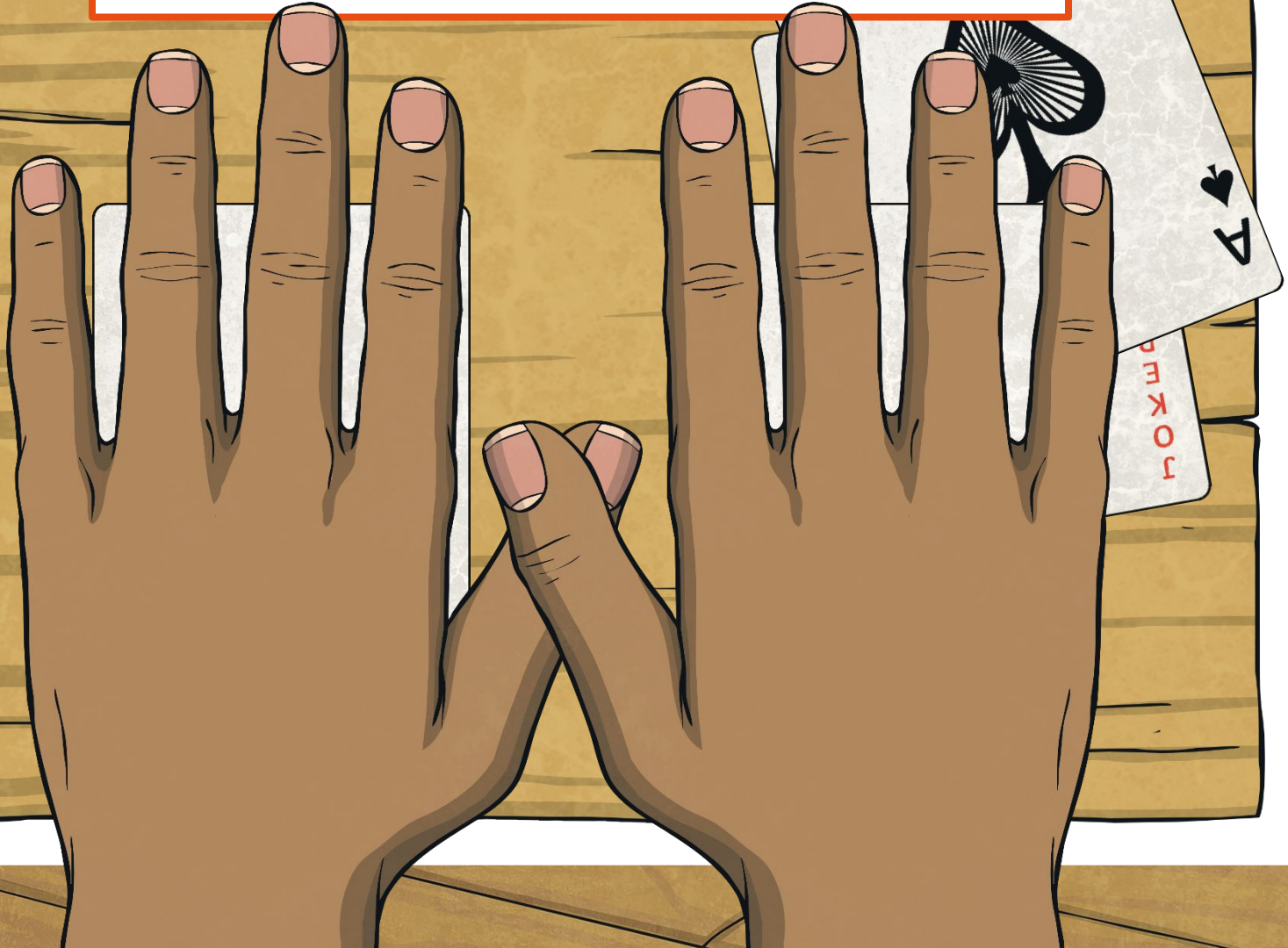




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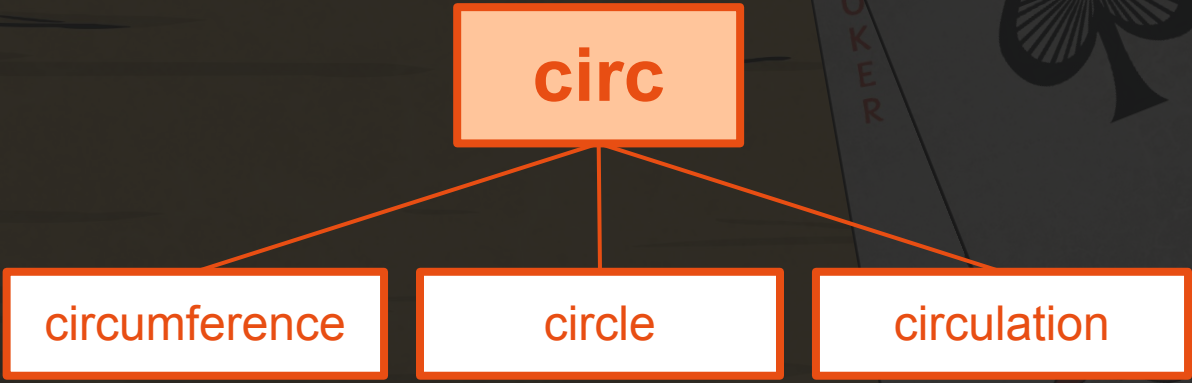
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Latin Root Words

What is the root word in these words?



What does **circ** mean?

roun

d

