Greek and Latin roots worksheet

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For grown-ups: 10 questions from our greek and Latin roots practice, easier ones first. Read a question aloud if your child wants that, then check together with the answer key on page 2. Circle one answer for each problem.

1. **The root "bio" means life. What does "biology" mean?**
   - ○ The study of rocks
   - ○ The study of stars
   - ○ The study of living things
   - ○ The study of numbers

2. **The root "graph" means write or draw. What is an "autograph"?**
   - ○ A picture of a car
   - ○ A kind of chart
   - ○ A person's own signature
   - ○ A long letter

3. **The root "tele" means far. What does a "telescope" help you do?**
   - ○ See things that are far away
   - ○ Write quickly ○ Hear quiet sounds
   - ○ Carry heavy loads

4. **The root "photo" means light. What does "photosynthesis" need?**
   - ○ Sound ○ Darkness ○ Cold
   - ○ Sunlight

5. **True or false: The root "graph" in "paragraph" and "photograph" means write or draw.**
   - ○ Yes ○ No

6. **Which word most likely means "a life story written by someone else"?**
   - ○ Biography ○ Telegraph
   - ○ Geology ○ Autobiography

7. **The root "auto" means self. What does an "automatic" door do?**
   - ○ Stays locked ○ Opens by itself
   - ○ Is made of glass ○ Needs a key

8. **True or false: "Telegraph" means writing about the Earth.**
   - ○ Yes ○ No

9. **Using roots, what is "portable" luggage?**
   - ○ Luggage that is red
   - ○ Luggage that is very heavy
   - ○ Luggage that is locked
   - ○ Luggage that is easy to carry

10. **Using roots, what does "audible" mean?**
    - ○ Able to be carried
    - ○ Able to be heard
    - ○ Able to be seen
    - ○ Able to be written

Answer key: Greek and Latin roots

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1. **The study of living things**
   Bio means life and -ology means study, so biology is the study of living things.
2. **A person's own signature**
   Auto means self and graph means write, so an autograph is your own name written by you.
3. **See things that are far away**
   Tele means far and scope means see, so a telescope lets you see far-away things.
4. **Sunlight**
   Photo means light. Photosynthesis is how plants use light to make food.
5. **Yes**
   True. A paragraph is written, and a photograph is "drawn" with light.
6. **Biography**
   Biography is bio (life) + graph (write): a written life story. Autobiography adds auto (self), so it is written by the person themselves.
7. **Opens by itself**
   Auto means self, so an automatic door works by itself.
8. **No**
   False. Tele means far and graph means write, so a telegraph sends writing over a long distance.
9. **Luggage that is easy to carry**
   Port (carry) + -able (able to be) = able to be carried easily.
10. **Able to be heard**
    Aud (hear) + -ible (able to be) = able to be heard.