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WORDS WITH THE ROOT GRAPH

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Today we are going to look at words with the root GRAPH.

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First, the origin. The word root GRAPH comes from a Greek word meaning "writing", "writer".

There are numerous words in English that contain the root GRAPH. Always look for a connection with writing when trying to understand the meaning.

Here are some of the most common examples . . .

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geography: a study of the physical features of the earth, literally: writing about the physical characteristics of the earth

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The first picture shows a Sherpa guide in the mountains of Nepal.

The sentence example reads:

"Thankfully, our Sherpa guide Ang Kami, was thoroughly familiar with the geography of the glacier."

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Next, calligraphy: the art of decorative handwriting, handwritten lettering

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The picture shows some decorative writing in the Persian script.

The sentence example reads:

Nastaliq is a beautiful style of calligraphy still used today in Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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Next is the word photography: the process of producing images on light sensitive surfaces, literally: writing on a light sensitive surface

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The picture shows a little girl taking a photograph with a Praktica camera.

The sentence example reads:

She became interested in photography at an early age.

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Notes: Digital Photography is now used to describe the process of capturing and storing images electronically, rather than on film. Instead of writing on a light sensitive surface, it uses light sensitive image sensors which convert light into an electrical signal.

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Next we have autograph: a person's signature in their own handwriting

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The picture shows two boys holding out a baseball with a pen to try and get their favourite players to sign.

The sentence example reads:

These two boys patiently waited to get autographs from their favourite players.

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The next word is paragraph: a section of writing usually centered on one topic

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The picture shows a letter with a very long opening paragraph.

The sentence example reads:

To make it easier for your reader to understand you, it is usually best to avoid long paragraphs!

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After this we have the word graphite: a form of carbon

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The picture shows a cluster of pencils.

The sentence example reads:

Pencil leads are made of graphite.

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Then there is the word graph: a diagram showing the relation between different variables

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The picture shows a screenshot from a webmaster's Google Analytics account.

The sentence example reads:

Google Analytics provides webmasters with a variety of graphs and charts to help them analyse their web site traffic.

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Finally there is the word autobiography: an account of a person's life written by that person

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The picture shows the front cover of Hillary Clinton's book "Living History".

The sentence example reads:

Hillary Clinton's autobiography sold over 1 million copies during its first week of release in 2003.

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So remember: The word root GRAPH is all about writing. When you see this word root, look for a connection between the word, and something written.

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