STUDENT WORKSHEET 1

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Names hold a lot of information—if you can decipher the meaning behind them.

What can you learn from the names of these fantastic beasts?



The Thunderbird is a bird whose flapping wings can create storms.



A Demiguise is a beast that can disguise itself using invisibility when it wants to.

WORD ROOTS: BREAK THE CODE:

The study of the origin of words is called etymology. Modern languages, including English, are filled with not-so-hidden meanings from older languages, such as Latin and Greek. These word roots below help form many common words.

AERO = air or wind	CRYO = freezing	MUT = change	POLY = many
AMBUL = move	DEMI = half	MY/O = muscle	PYR = fire, heat
AQU/A (HYDR/O) = water	DENT = tooth	OMNI = all	RHIN/O = nose
CAP = head	DERM = skin	OSTEO = bone	RUPT = burst
CELER = fast	DYN = power, energy	PAN = entire	UNI = one
CHROM = color	HYPER = excessive	PED = foot	VOC = voice
CHRYS = gold, yellow	KIN = motion	PHON = sound	

YOUR TURN

Use the roots above to create a new name for a real animal or object.

For example, you may want to rename a kitten. Kittens are constantly moving around. You may choose the roots HYPER (excessive) + KIN (motion) to rename a kitten a HYPERKIN!

1. Choose an animal or object:

2. List its qualities:

3. Select possible roots for its new name:

4. Create its new name:

WRITING CHALLENGE:

On a separate sheet of paper, describe the animal or object using only its NEW name. Include details that you find fantastic or interesting. When you have finished, swap papers with a partner. See if you can guess each other's animals or objects!

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Magic—Animal—Study

Take the Magizoology 101 quiz to find out which fantastic beast you have the most in common with! At **scholastic.com/fantasticbeasts101**.

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