

# Bio

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# Nym

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# Syn

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Find 5 words that contain Bio and define.

Word	Definition
Biography	A book that tells about the life of a person.
Microbiology	The study of very small living things.
Symbiosis	Two life forms living together.
Biosphere	Part of the earth where organisms live.
Biodegradable	Capable of being decomposed by some form of life.

Find 5 words that contain Nym and define.

Word	Definition
Acronym	An abbreviation formed from the initial letters in a series of words
Antonym	A pair of words that have opposite meanings.
Homonym	Two words that have the same spelling or sound but not the same meaning.
Pseudonym	A false name
Toponym	The name of a place

Find 5 words that contain Syn and define.

Word	Definition
Photosynthesis	The process by which plants create food using energy from the sun.
Syntax	The arranging of words in a sentence so they make sense.
Synchronized	When two things are moving or working together doing the same thing.
Synapse	Something that allows to nerves to join together.
Synagogue	A place where Jewish people come together to worship.

Use two different words containing Bio in a sentence, with context clues.

- When my mom was ill, a biopsy of her liver was taken to see if the doctors could determine what was causing the sickness.
- To let my teacher know a little more about me, I wrote an autobiography of my life when I was in the fifth grade.

Use two different words containing Nym in a sentence, with context clues.

- The words hot and cold are antonyms because they have opposite meanings.
- The word "noun" is an autonym because it is a name which describes itself.

Use two different words containing Syn in a sentence, with context clues.

- The synthetic materials in my pants were made from many chemicals at the fabric plant, but they feel just like cotton!
- The words happy and content are synonyms because they mean the same thing.

# Graph

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## Test Your Knowledge

**Directions:** Answer the questions below. Show your thinking in the blank space provided.

1. Read the sentence below.

I am going to write my autobiography so that everyone will know the important events and stories of my life.

Using what you know about the roots in the word *autobiography*, AND the clues in the sentence, a good definition of *autobiography* would be

- a. A story written about the life of another person.
- b. A story written about your own life, by you.
- c. A pen that comes to life and writes on its own.
- d. The story of a written object.

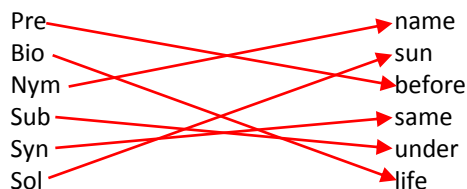
2. A synonym is a pair of words that mean the same thing but are spelled two different ways. What is the literal meaning of synonym?

- a. Same name
- b. Name same
- c. Different name
- d. Same word

3. If you saw that word Subgraphrenym in your reading, what do you think would be a good definition, based on your knowledge of the root words?

- a. Writing underneath a big tree.
- b. Placing a name on the ground.
- c. A vehicle that writes underground.
- d. The name that appears several times in the credits of a movie, below the director and writer.

4. Match the root to its meaning.



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Word	Definition
Calligraphy	A very fancy type of penmanship.
Photography	Using light to record an image using a camera.
Seismograph	A machine that records the movement of the earth.
Cartography	Mapmaking.
Bibliography	A list of books used in a report or book.

Use two different words containing Graph in a sentence, with context clues.

1. I gave the book and pen to my favorite actress so she could sign her autograph for me.

2. The paragraph that I wrote last night was about my summer vacation.