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Brush Up on Your Greek!

In this issue of *Scope*, you had to use context clues for the story "3 Billys: 1 Tony." Context clues help you determine the meaning of words you don't know. Greek roots can give you many clues about the meaning of a word.

Greek Root	Meaning	Example
<i>anthrop</i>	man, humanity	anthropology (study of humanity)
<i>biblio</i>	book	bibliography
<i>gloss/glot</i>	tongue, language	glossary
<i>morph</i>	form	amorphous (without form)
<i>phil</i>	love	philosophy (love of wisdom)
<i>topo</i>	place	topography

Directions: Using context clues and the meanings of the Greek roots above, circle the definition that best fits the words in bold below.

- A capable **polyglot**, Sarina speaks Spanish, Hindi, French, and English.
 - (A) student
 - (B) talkative person
 - (C) speaker of many languages
- Mr. Giles has bitter words for everyone; he's the biggest **misanthrope** I know.
 - (A) annoyer
 - (B) hater of humanity
 - (C) unhealthy person
- A gift certificate at a bookstore is the perfect present for a **bibliophile**.
 - (A) librarian
 - (B) lover of stores
 - (C) lover of books
- In Franz Kafka's story "The **Metamorphosis**," main character Gregor Samsa turns into an insect.
 - (A) change of form
 - (B) rehabilitation center
 - (C) nightmare
- Some towns have ridiculous **toponyms**.
 - (A) sign posts
 - (B) place names
 - (C) mayors
- In Greek mythology, many of the gods and goddesses are **anthropomorphic**.
 - (A) similar to animals
 - (B) vengeful
 - (C) in human form
- Ethan had an allergic reaction to almonds and developed **glossitis**.
 - (A) swelling of the tongue
 - (B) swelling of the eyes
 - (C) hives
- The **philanthropy** of one anonymous donor helped thousands of poor children.
 - (A) will
 - (B) secret plan
 - (C) love of humanity, shown through acts of charity