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Brush Up on Your Latin

In this issue of *Scope*, you had to use context clues for the story "Getting to Know Selena." Context clues help you determine the meanings of words you don't know. Latin roots can give you many clues about the meaning of a word.

Latin Root	Meaning	Example
<i>dict</i>	say	predict
<i>ject</i>	throw	project
<i>port</i>	carry	export
<i>scrib, script</i>	write	inscription
<i>tract</i>	pull or drag	retract
<i>vert</i>	turn	invert

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

- Brian **dictated** the assignment to the class.
 - (A) explained
 - (B) said the opposite of what he meant
 - (C) told in advance
- Our drive was **diverted** when we accidentally took a detour.
 - (A) turned upside down
 - (B) turned from one course to another
 - (C) turned out to be a lot of fun
- The cool museum exhibit **attracts** everyone who walks by.
 - (A) uses gravity
 - (B) draws by appeal
 - (C) drags by force
- The basketball player was **ejected** from the game after he yelled at the referee.
 - (A) inserted between other players
 - (B) forced into
 - (C) thrown out
- The U.S. **imports** many products from China.
 - (A) brings in
 - (B) sends out
 - (C) carries a message to
- Scott read a **description** of his vacation to the class.
 - (A) an account that gives a mental image
 - (B) the process of drawing a figure
 - (C) a written copy of something

YOUR TURN!

Choose one of the Latin roots and its meaning listed in the chart, and think of another a word you know with that root. Write the word and its definition on the line below.
