

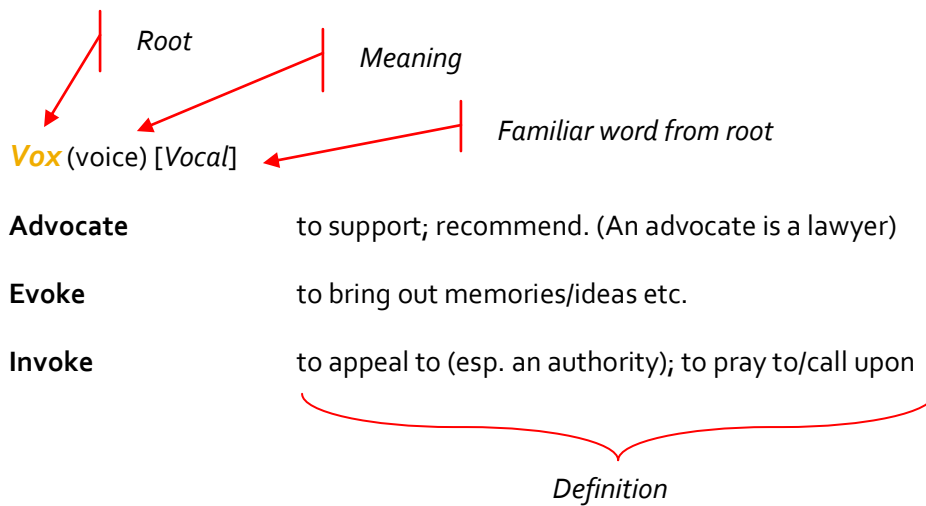
# Word Roots

Cards C01-C30 contain groups of words derived from common roots.

The 'root' of a word in English is the original word from which the word has evolved. For example, the word *belligerent*, which means 'aggressive', comes from the Latin word *bellum* which means 'war'. Once you know that fact, it becomes easier to learn that *bellicose* also means 'aggressive'.

Not all root words are equally helpful when it comes to learning words. We have selected word roots that are readily identified and which can help you add important words to your vocabulary.

Since you are not learning Latin, Greek or Anglo-Saxon, we have kept things simple and haven't identified the language of the root word. In some cases we have given common words from the same root to help you remember the root. For example:



## Target:

Take two weeks to learn these 30 cards.

Take the tests on these cards as soon as you are ready. You can take the first test as soon as you have learned the first fifteen cards.

- Test R01 relates to C01 – C15
- Test R02 relates to C16 – C30

These tests are available at:

[http://www.major\*\*tests\*\*.com/word-focus/vocabulary-tests.php](http://www.major<b>tests</b>.com/word-focus/vocabulary-tests.php)

## Word Roots

C 01

**Credo** (I believe)[credit]

<b>Credible</b>	believable
<b>Credulous</b>	gullible; believing too easily
<b>Incredulous</b>	not believing
<b>Credence</b>	believability

**Cogito** (I think); **cognitio** (knowledge)

<b>Cognition</b>	knowledge; awareness
<b>Incognito</b>	not recognized
<b>Agnostic</b>	doubtful of the existence of god
<b>Cogitate</b>	think deeply
<b>Prognosis</b>	outlook
<b>Gnostic</b>	relating to knowledge esp. of spiritual matters

## Word Roots

C 02

**Dies** (day)

<b>Diurnal</b>	active in daytime
<b>Quotidian</b>	daily

**Cosmos** (world)

<b>Cosmology</b>	study or theory of the structure and origins of the universe
<b>Microcosm</b>	small-scale model containing the essential elements of a system
<b>Macrocosm</b>	the entire world/universe; all-encompassing model
<b>Cosmopolitan</b>	including people of diverse nationalities; broad-minded