

Vocabulary Strategy

THE LATIN ROOT *terr*

The Latin roots, including the Latin root *terr*, are found in a number of English words. The word *extraneous* comes from the Latin root *extra*, meaning “outside of.” *Extraneous* means something that is irrelevant or “outside of” what is necessary. To understand words with *extra*, use context clues as well as your knowledge of the root.

extraneous
extracurricular

extradite
extrapolate

extrasensory
extraterrestrial

extractable
extrovert

Directions: Choose the word from the box that best completes each sentence. Consider what you know about the Latin root *extra* and other word parts shown. If necessary, consult a dictionary.

1. Officials in our country hope to _____ the accused so that he can face trial where the crime was committed.
2. We discovered a rich vein of valuable minerals in the rock formation, and we are hopeful that the minerals are _____.
3. Try to eliminate _____ words from your writing so that it is direct and concise.
4. Comets that fall to Earth are one example of _____ materials you can view in some natural history museums.
5. Most scientists agree that we have five senses, although some study the possibility of _____ perception.
6. Invite an _____ to your party if you want someone who will be comfortable talking with everyone there.
7. Logic often helps us _____ conclusions based on just a handful of data.
8. Some of my sister’s _____ activities include practicing martial arts, sailing, and creating animated movies.