

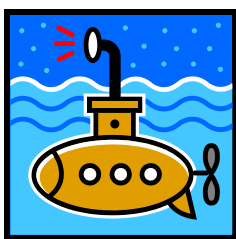
## Useful nouns

### 1. Where words come from

Noun	Meaning
periscope	a device that lets you see over the top of things
telescope	a device that lets you see things that are far away
microscope	a device that lets you see things that are very tiny

- Draw a circle around **the letters** that these three nouns have in common.
- Draw a circle around **the parts of the meanings** that the three definitions have in common.

Many words in English – especially words to do with Science – come from very ancient words in Greek or Latin, that our language has made use of. This is because when science started as we know it today, the cleverest people read and wrote Latin and Greek.



Have a guess and finish the sentences below.

- a) The three nouns are in the same word family and come from a Greek word, *scopos*, meaning .....
- b) *peri* – comes from a Greek word that means .....
- c) *tele* – comes from a Greek word that means .....
- d) *micro* – comes from a Greek word that means .....
- e) *kaleidoscope* – look up this word if you do not know its meaning.

Can you guess what *kaleido* means in Greek? .....

- f) *gastro* means stomach. Can you guess what a *gastroscope* is for?  
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- g) *horo* means hours. Can you guess how the word *horoscope* came about?  
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- h) Find as many words as you can that have *peri-* in them. Give their meanings.  
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- i) Find as many words as you can that have *tele-* in them. Give their meanings.  
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- j) Find as many words as you can that have *micro-* in them. Give their meanings.  
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As science develops, people need more words to describe new inventions. When Science Fiction writers wanted to invent a machine that can take people long distances through space they made up a word – *teleport*.

Can you guess what *port* means in Latin? .....

## 2. TRUE OR FALSE

Now test yourself. Circle True or False.

TRUE / FALSE

- a) A periscope is used on a submarine so people can see what is above the surface of the water.

TRUE / FALSE

- b) A microscope lets us see small things that are a long way away.

TRUE / FALSE

- c) A telescope lets us watch things which are sent from far away.

TRUE / FALSE

- d) A television lets us see things much bigger than they are by magnifying them.

TRUE / FALSE

- e) A microscope lets us see tiny things and makes them seem much bigger than they really are.

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## 3. MATCHING

A last check

Match the words with their meanings by drawing lines:

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## 4. SPELLING

Now write the words next to their meanings – and check that you have spelt them correctly.

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