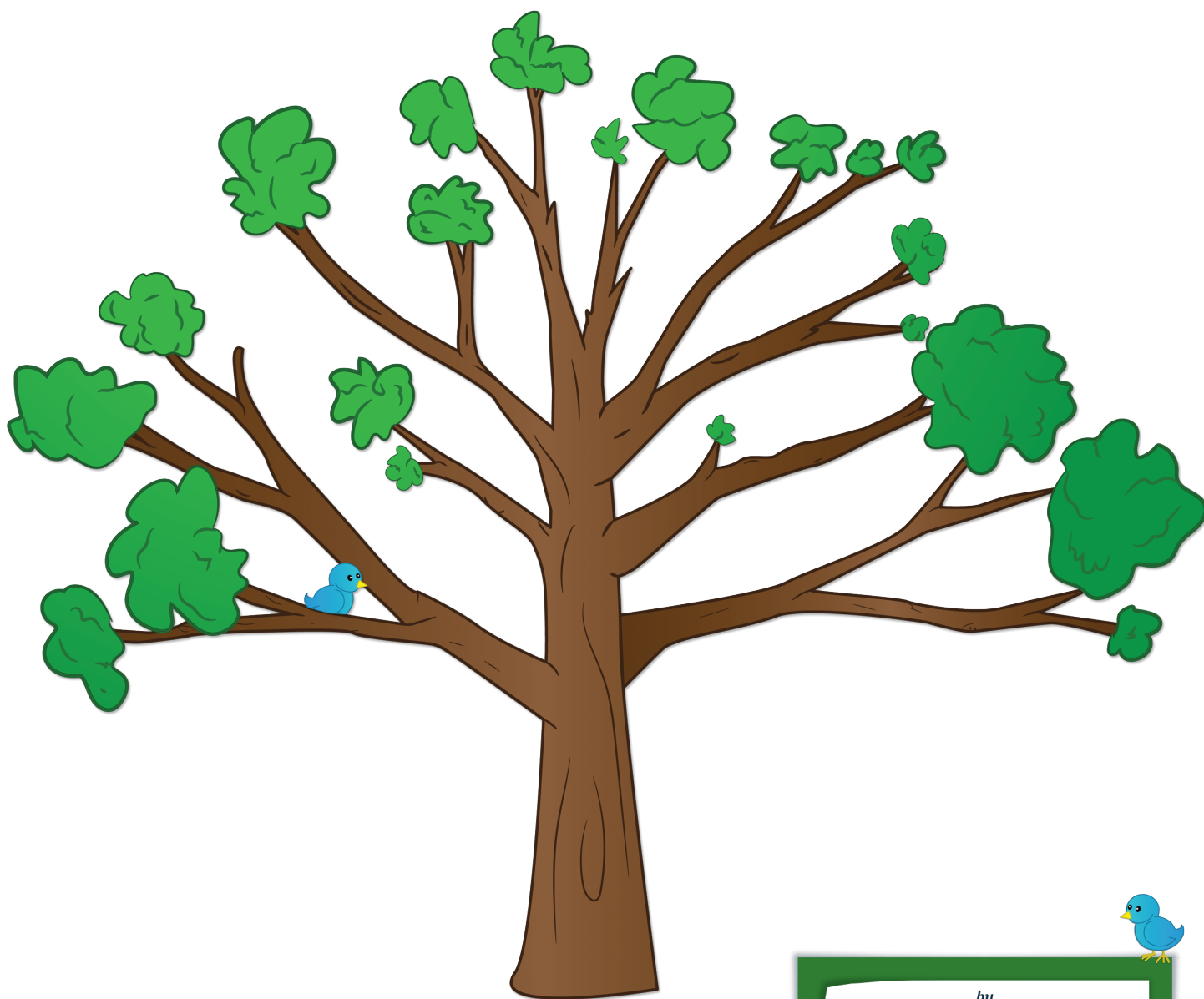


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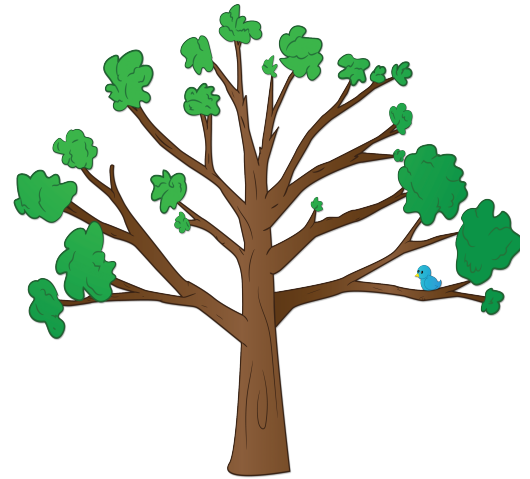


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Teaching Latin Roots with Word Trees

A Word Tree is a handy graphic organizer designed to generate words that include a Latin root. It works as a “cheat sheet” for your student.

Prefixes, roots, and suffixes can be combined in multiple ways to create new words. This download contains five Word Trees with suggested root words and one blank Word Tree.

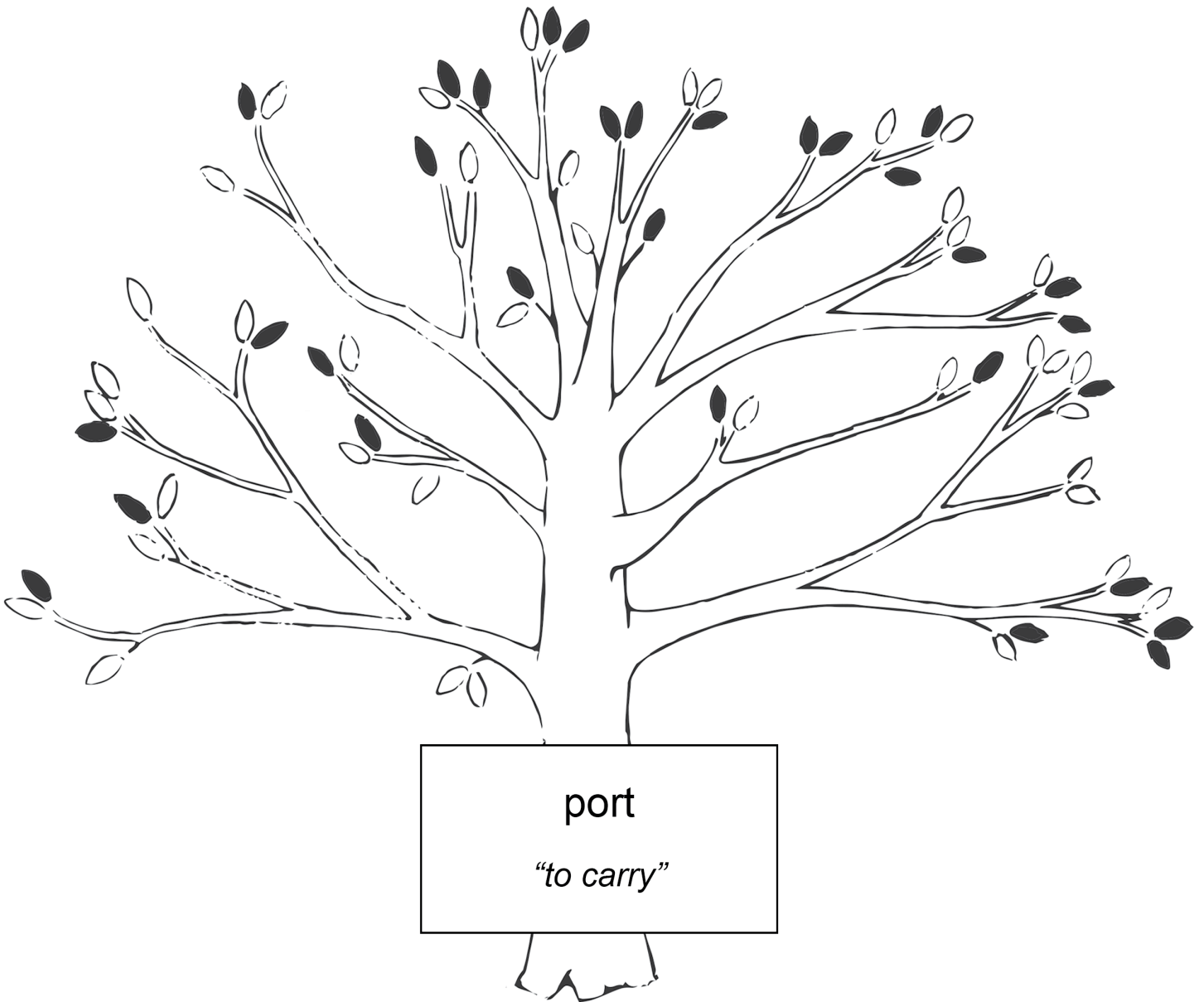


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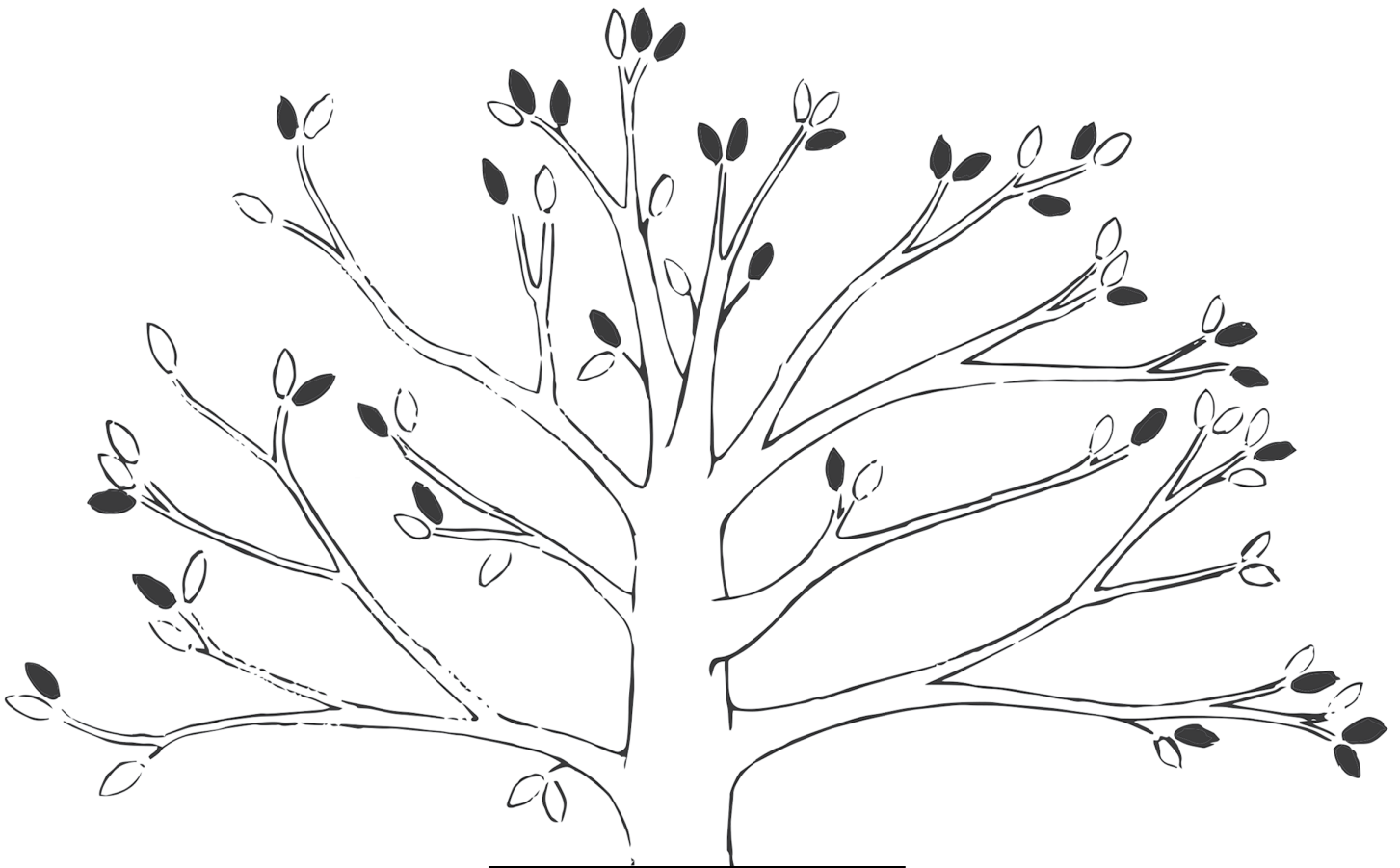
1. Print pages 3-8 of this activity.
2. Decide which root word you want to work with. If you are using the blank Word Tree, write the root word in the box at the base of the tree.
3. Guide your student in using the prefixes and suffixes under the Word Tree to create at least ten words. Write the words on the branches.
4. Discuss the meaning of the words, if necessary.

Tips

- For a short instructional video, [click here](#).
- Your student may be able to think of words formed with prefixes and suffixes other than those given as clues.
- If your student can only think of a few words at first, keep the Word Tree available so that additional words can be added to it over the next few days.
- You can store the completed Word Trees in a binder for future reference.

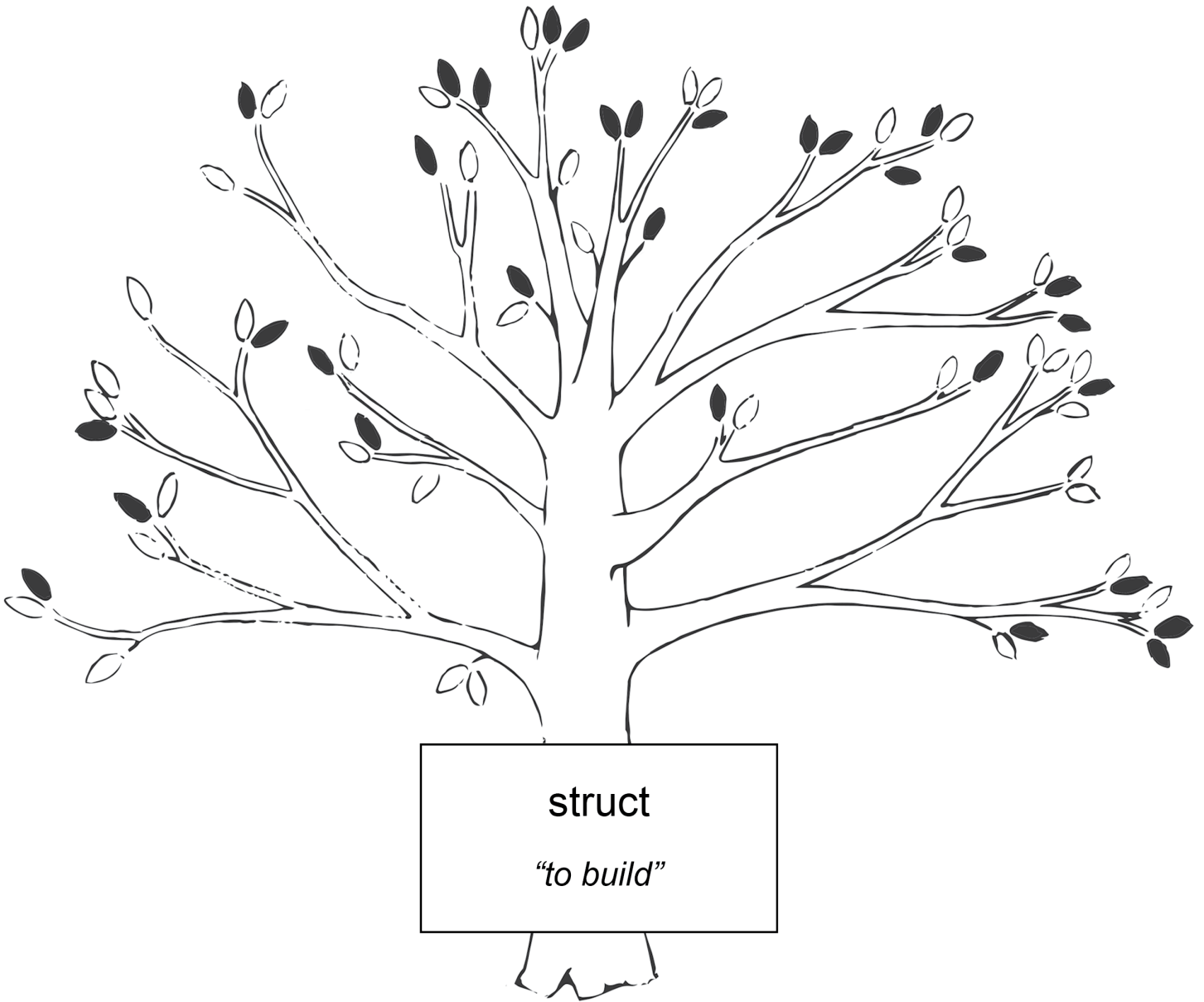


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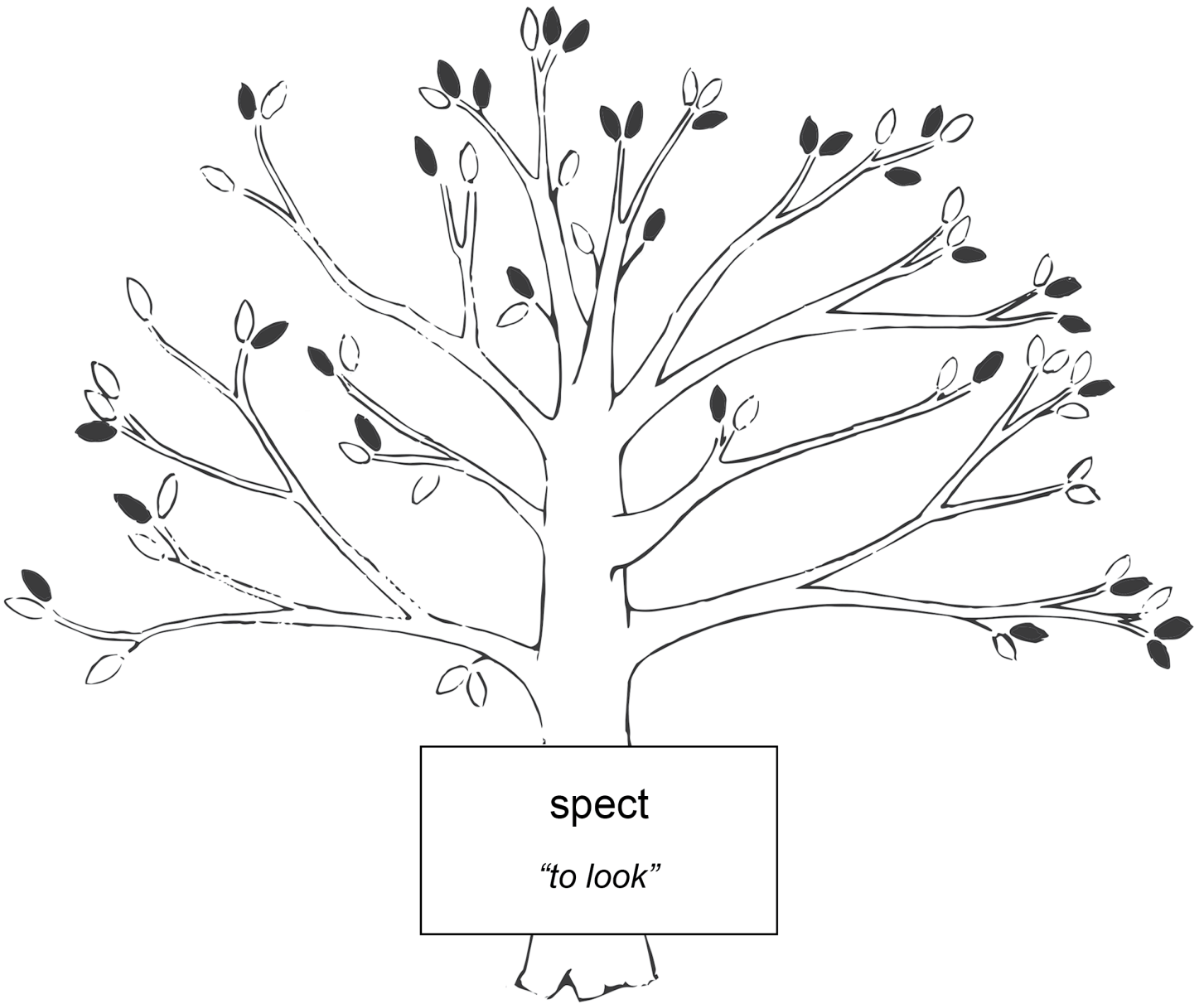
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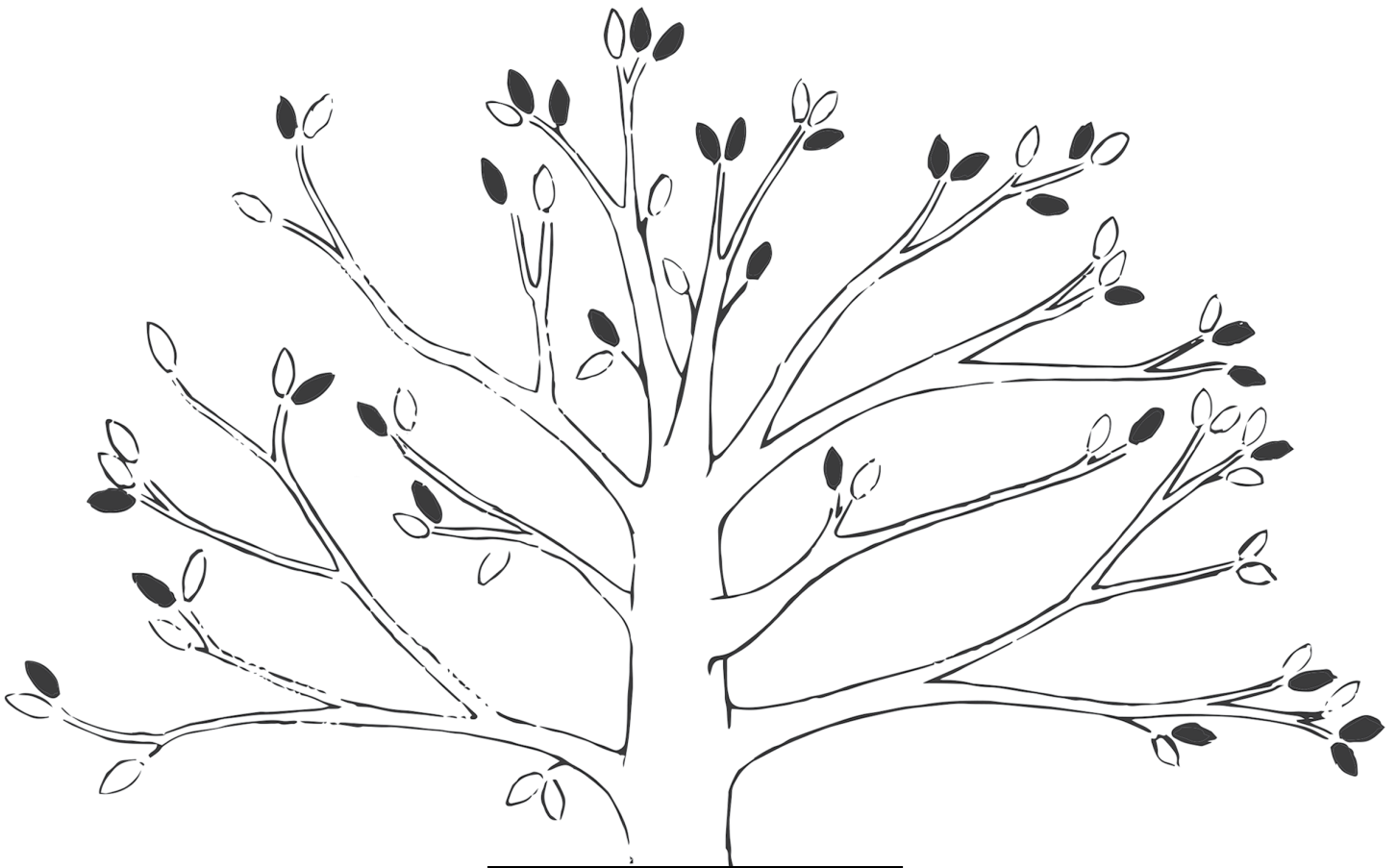


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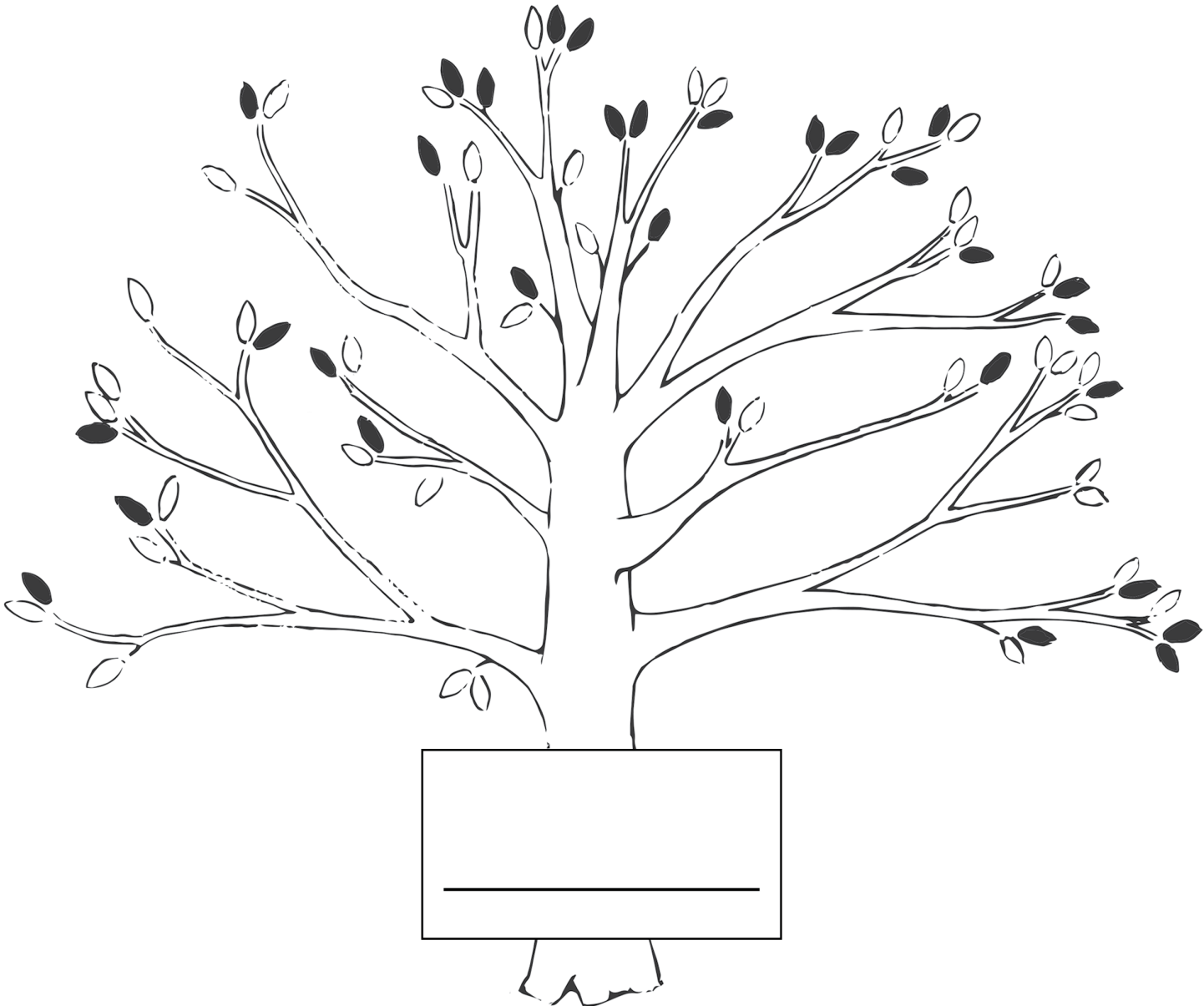


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Latin Roots

Here are twelve additional Latin roots. Your student can prepare Word Trees for any or all of these roots using a blank Word Tree.



| Roots | Meaning | Additional Practice Words | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| anni annu enni | year | anniversary annual annuity | biannual bicentennial centennial | millennium semiannual triennial |
| aud | to hear | audible audibly audience audio audiologist | audit auditing audition auditor | auditorium auditory audiovisual inaudible |
| cred | to believe | accredit accreditation credence credential | credibility credible credit creditor | credulous discredit incredible incredulous |
| claim clam | to declare, call out, or cry out | acclaim claim claimant clamor counterclaim | disclaimer exclaim exclamation exclamatory | proclaim proclamation reclaim reclaimable |
| dent | tooth | dental dentrifrice dentin | dentist dentistry denture | indent indentation trident |
| leg | law | illegal illegitimate legacy legal | legalistic legalize legislate legislative | legislator legislature legitimate privilege |
| ped | foot | biped centipede expedite expedition impede | impediment millipede pedal pedestal pedestrian | pedicure pedigree pedogram pedometer |



| Roots | Meaning | Additional Practice Words | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--|
| rect | straight or right | correct correctable correction direct direction | directness director erect erector incorrect | indirect rectangle rectangular rectify |
| patr pater | father | expatriate paternal paternity patriarch | patriot patriotic patriotism patron | patronage patronize unpatriotic |
| pend | to hang or weigh | appendage appendectomy appendix depend dependability dependable dependence | dependent expend impending independence independent interdependence interdependent | pendant pending pendulous pendulum perpendicular suspend suspenders |
| vis | to see | advise advisor division envision indivisible invisible revise revision supervise | supervision supervisor supervisory televise television visibility visible vision | visionary visit visitation visitor visor visual visualization visualize |
| voc | to call | advocate evoke invoke irrevocable provocation | provocative provoke revocable revoke vocabulary | vocal vocalization vocalize vocation vocational |

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