**Objective**
The student will identify roots in multisyllabic words.

**Materials**
▶ Word cards
▶ Change root cards

**Activity**
Students identify words that share the same root by playing a card game.
1. Mix word cards and “change root” cards together and place face down in a stack.
2. Each student selects five cards from the stack.
3. Taking turns, student one places a card face up on the table (e.g., respect). This forms a discard pile.
4. Student two reads the word aloud, identifies the root (i.e., respect, the root is “spec”), and places another card with the same root face up on top of the card placed by student one (e.g., spectacular).
5. If student two does not have a word with the same root, selects cards from the stack until a word with the same root is selected. Places card on the pile. Or, may use a “change root” card to change root. Places “change root” card plus a word card with selected root on top of the pile. Note: Mix cards in discard pile and turn over when cards in stack are all used.
6. Continue to place cards until one student is out of cards.
7. Peer evaluation

**Extensions and Adaptations**
▶ Sort words by roots or add roots to play game.
▶ Make other word cards to play game.
▶ Use base words, roots, and affixes to make words.
▶ Write root on tree trunk and related words on branches.
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spectacle

introspect

perspective

word cards
Root Hoot

spectacular

introspect

respect dictionary

contradiction predict

word cards

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verdict

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word cards
Root Hoot

peddler

pedigree

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pedestrian

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credit
credulous
credential
incredible

word cards
Root Hoot

tractor

subtract

distract

attractive

word cards
Root Hoot

- extract
- porter
- import
- portable

word cards
Root Hoot

Support

Report

Erupt

Rupture

Word cards
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- corrupt
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- bankrupt
- enact
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Root Hoot

- graphite
- biography
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