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Weather Words Worksheet **Answers**

- Complete the missing information in the table below. Use your dictionary and Internet resources such as Fact Monster at <http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0907017.html>.
- Add to the table as many additional weather words derived from Latin and Greek roots — such as precipitation, temperature, cirrus, cumulus, stratus — as you can. Identify the roots, prefixes and suffixes. Try guessing the meanings of unfamiliar technical terms based on the roots, prefixes and suffixes you learn.

Latin and Greek Components of Weather Words					
English form	Used as	Root form	Lat/Grk	Root Meaning	Example
baro-	Root/prefix	baros	G	weight, pressure	barometer
nimbus	Root	nimbus	G	heavy rain, rain cloud	nimbus clouds, cumulo-nimbus
-trop- tropo- -tropic	Root/prefix/suffix	tropos	G	turn	troposphere, tropical, heliotropic
-sphere-	Root/suffix	spaira	G	globe, ball	troposphere, hydrosphere
-logy, -ology	Suffix	logos	G	study of; word or speech	meteorology, hydrology
thermo- therm-	Root/prefix	thermos	G	heat	thermal, thermometer, thermostat
-meter	Suffix	metron	G	measure, measuring device	thermometer, centimeter
precip-	Prefix	praeceps	L	steep, falling from a height	precipitation
temperature	Root	temperatura	L	to moderate, degree of heat or cold	temperature
cirrus	Root	cirrus	L	a lock, curl, tendrill	cirrus
cumulus	Root	cumulus	L	heap	cumulus
stratus	Root	stratus	L	a spreading out	stratus
amb-	Prefix	ambire	L	to go around	ambient, ambience
vapor	Root	vaporem	L	exhalation, steam, heat	vapor