

## HM Roots Fifth Grade

Root	Root Meaning	Sample Words and Definitions
struct	build	<u>construct</u> : to build <u>destruction</u> : the act of destroying something that was built <u>structure</u> : something built
rupt	break	<u>bankrupt</u> : unable to pay because you're "broke" <u>interrupt</u> : to break in, to disturb <u>rupture</u> : a break in something
spec/t	see, look	<u>circumspect</u> : cautious, looking all around <u>sophist</u> : a person who is wise in dishonest debating <u>sophisticated</u> : wise about the ways of the world
opt	eye	<u>optic</u> : relating to the eyes <u>optical</u> : relating to sight <u>optician</u> : a person who fits eyeglasses
opt	best	<u>optimal</u> : the best, the most desirable <u>optimize</u> : to make the best of <u>optimum</u> : the best something could be

**Root:** the main part of the word, which contains the basic meaning.