

THE TWENTIES

Vocabulary Builder**Understand Word Origins**

Most words in the English language derive their meanings from words in older languages. When you encounter an unfamiliar word and look it up in the dictionary, pay attention to the origins provided. Understanding **word origins** will help you learn and use new vocabulary. The example below provides the word origin for the word *innovation* and uses the word in a sentence.

Example

innovation *innovare* (Latin): to renew

Sentence using the word: Henry Ford's innovations in his factories reduced the time it took to manufacture automobiles.

Directions: Review the definitions in your textbook for the words listed below. Then use a dictionary to find the word origin for each word. Write a sentence using each word. Sociological and psychologist are words that have more than one word origin. Record the origin, and write your sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

1. stimulate
2. incentive
3. mediate
4. imperial
5. advocate
6. sociological
7. psychologist
8. indigenous