Many Greek words entered the language in the 14th-16th centuries, in a period called the Renaissance when people became interested in Greek culture. Look at the panel ‘Greek words in English’ after the headword ‘Greek’.

1 Explain the meaning of the word atmosphere. How has it got its meaning from Greek words?

2 What do these three words mean, and what were their origins?

   comedy ....................................................................................................................................
   tragedy ....................................................................................................................................
   theatre ....................................................................................................................................

3 Find what the suffix -graphy means in English, and what it means in Greek. Give some examples of words which have this ending.

4 Think of five words which end in -logy. What does this suffix mean in Greek?

5 How many words can you find that begin with the letters phys-?

What do physis and physikos mean in Greek?

6 What do the following words have in common? Which Greek word or words does each one originate from?

   autopsy ...................................................... anaesthetic .........................................................
   antibiotic .................................................. pathology ..............................................................

Can you find three words to add to the list that also have Greek origins?