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## Greek and Latin Roots

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| thermometer  | sym(same)        | measures temperature |
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3. Her efforts to help others showed true \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The bridge uses a \_\_\_\_\_ system to lift heavy loads.
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The nurse used a thermometer to check my temperature

when I wasn't feeling well.

The butterfly's wings have beautiful symmetry, making

them look perfectly balanced.