Vocabulary Strategy: the Latin Root *pel*

The vocabulary word *dispel* contains the Latin root *pel,* which means "drive" or "push." This root, which is sometimes spelled *puls,* is found in many English words. To understand the meaning of words with *pel* or *puls,* use context clues and your knowledge of the root's meaning.

Define the following words. Use a separate sheet of paper and turn it in when you are finished. Write neatly!

1. Compel
2. Expel
3. Propel
4. Propeller
5. Repellent
6. Pulsate
7. Repulsive
8. Impulse
9. Compulsion
10. Pellet
11. Dispel

Then play the Greek and Latin Roots Skills Matching Game until you get all of them right! Screen shot when you are finished.