

14 Words With Common Roots (*aster/astro, stel/stell, mar/mari, mig/migr*)

## Learn Words in Context

aquamarine

aster

asterisk

astronaut

astronomer

astronomical

astronomy

constellation

emigrate

immigrate

marina

maritime

migrate

stellar

submarine

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## Daydreaming

It was September. The white and purple **asters** were in bloom. Luis sat on the dock of the **marina**. The sun was shining brightly on the **aquamarine** water. The sunlight on the waves sparkled like silver **asterisks**. Sailboats passed by quietly as if in a dream.

The boats made Luis think of the sailors of long ago. These sailors saw pictures or patterns in the stars in the night sky. The sailors of long ago used these star patterns to steer their boats across the open ocean. These clusters of stars came to be called **constellations**. The sailors gave names to the stars. A group of stars might look like a bear or a man with a bow and arrow.

Sometimes Luis thought he wanted to become an **astronomer**. Then he could learn all about the stars, planets, and other heavenly bodies. Maybe he would even invent an **astronomical** device that would advance the science of **astronomy**. Or, he could become an **astronaut** and travel into space.

If he couldn't go to outer space, perhaps he could have a **maritime** career and travel the waterways of the earth. He could work on a huge container ship or an oil tanker or maybe under the sea in a **submarine**. A career as a naval officer would be a **stellar** adventure. Everyone would admire him, and he could travel all around the world. He could **migrate** easily from country to country. When he retired from the navy, he could move wherever he wanted. Perhaps by that time he could **immigrate** to a colony on the Moon or Mars. Or he could stay in the United States if he did not want to **emigrate**. He would have the knowledge to make the best possible choice for himself.

Suddenly, Luis realized the sun was setting and he had spent the afternoon dreaming about his future. It was time to return to the present and go home for dinner.

