

# Greek and Latin Roots

Root	Origin	Meaning	Examples
act	Latin	do	action, actor, react, transact & enact
aero	Greek	air	aerobics, aerodynamics, aeronautics & aerate
agr	Latin	field	agriculture, agrarian, agronomy & agribusiness
alter	Latin	other	alter, alternate, alternative, altercation & alter ego
anim	Latin	life, spirit	animate, animosity, animal & inanimate
ann	Latin	year	annual, anniversary & annuity
enn	Latin	year	biennial & millennium
aqua	Latin	water	aquarium, aquatic, aqueous & aquamarine

ast	Greek	star	astronaut, astronomy, asterisk & asteroid
aud	Latin	hear	audience, auditorium, audible & audition
biblio	Greek	book	bibliography, bibliophile, & Bible ( portion of)
bio	Greek	life	biology, biography, biochemistry, biopsy & biosphere
card	Latin	heart	cardiac, cardiology, cardiogram & cardiovascular
cord	Latin	heart	cordial, accord, concord & discord
chron	Greek	time	chronological, synchronize, chronicle & chronic
claim	Latin	shout	proclaim, exclaim & acclaim
clam	Latin	shout	clamor & exclamation

cogn	Latin	know	recognize, incognito, cognition & cognizant
corp	Latin	body	corporation, corpse, corps, corpus & corpuscle
cosm	Greek	universe	cosmos, cosmopolitan, microcosm & cosmonaut
cred	Latin	believe	credit, discredit, incredible, credential & credulous
cycl	Greek	circle, ring	bicycle, cyclone, cycle & recycle
dic	Latin	speak	dictate, predict, contradict, verdict & diction
doc	Latin	teach	doctrine, document, doctor, indoctrinate & docile
don	Latin	give	donor & pardon
donat	Latin	give	donation & donate
duc	Latin	lead	duct, conduct, educate, induct & aqua duct

fac	Latin	make, do	factory, manufacture, benefactor & facsimile
fic	Latin	make, do	efficient, proficient, sufficient & beneficial
flect	Latin	bend	reflect, deflect, reflection, inflection & genuflect
flex	Latin	bend	reflex & flexible
form	Latin	shape	form, uniform, transform, reform & formal
gen	Greek	birth, race	generation, generate, genocide, progeny & genealogy
geo	Greek	earth	geography, geometry, geology & geophysics
gram	Greek	letter, written	telegram, diagram, grammar, epigram & monogram
graph	Greek	write	photograph, autograph, biography & phonograph

homo, hom	Latin	man	Homo sapiens, homicide, homage & hombre
inner	Latin	within	innermost, innerspring
inter	Latin	among, between or shared by	interchange, intercom & interface
intro	Latin	into, inward or within	introduce, introvert & introspection
junct	Latin	join	junction, conjunction, adjunct & injunction
jud	Latin	law	judge & judicial
jur	Latin	law	jury & jurisdiction
jus	Latin	law	justice & justify
lab	Latin	work	labor, laboratory, collaborate & elaborate
liber	Latin	free	liberty, liberal, liberate & libertine
loc	Latin	place	location, locate, dislocate, allocate & local

man	Latin	hand	manual, manufacture, manuscript & manipulate
mar	Latin	sea	marine, submarine, mariner & maritime
mater	Latin	mother	maternal, maternity & matricide
matr	Latin	mother	matrimony, matron & matriarch
meter	Greek	measure	thermometer, centimeter, diameter & barometer
migr	Latin	change, move	migrate, immigrant, emigrate & migratory
miss	Latin	send	missile, dismiss, mission & remiss
mit	Latin	send	submit, remit, admit & transmit
mob	Latin	move	mobile, automobile & mobilize

mot	Latin	move	motion, motor, promote, demote & motile
mov	Latin	move	remove, movement
morph	Greek	shape	amorphous, metamorphoses & morphology
mort	Latin	death	mortician, mortuary, mortal, immortal & mortify
nat	Latin	born	natal, native, nation, nativity & innate
ordin, order	Latin	row, rank	ordinary, ordinal, extraordinary, ordinance & order
ortho	Greek	straight, right	orthodontist, orthodox, orthopedist & orthography
pater, patr	Latin	father	paternity, paternal, patricide & patriarch
path	Greek	disease, feeling	pathology, sympathy, empathy, antipathy & pathos

ped	Greek	child	pediatrician, pedagogy & encyclopedia
ped	Latin	foot	pedal, pedestrian, biped & pedestal
phil	Greek	love	philosophy, philanthropist, philharmonic & philology
phon	Greek	sound	phonograph, symphony, telephone, microphone & phonics
photo	Greek	light	photograph, telephoto, photosynthesis & photogenic
pod	Greek	foot	podiatrist, podium & tripod
poli	Greek	city	metropolis, cosmopolitan, police & political
port	Latin	carry	portable, transport, import, export & porter
pysch	Greek	mind, soul	psychology, psyche, psychopath & psychiatrist



ques, quer, quis	Latin	ask, seek	question, inquest, request, query & inquisitive
rad	Latin	ray, spoke	radius, radio, radiation, radium, radiator & radiology
rect	Latin	straight	erect, rectangle, rectify, direction & correct
rupt	Latin	break	rupture, erupt, interrupt, abrupt & bankrupt
san	Latin	health	sanitary, sanitation, sane, insanity & sanitarium
saur	Greek	lizard	dinosaur, brontosaurus & stegosaurus
sci	Greek	know	science, conscience, conscious & omniscient
scop	Greek	see	microscope, telescope, periscope & stethoscope
scribe	Latin	write	inscribe, describe & prescribe
script	Latin	write	script, transcript & scripture

sign	Latin	mark	signal, signature, significant & insignia
spec	Latin	see	inspect, suspect, respect, spectator & spectacle
struct	Latin	build	structure, construct, instruct & destruction
tact	Latin	touch	tactile, intact, contact & tact
terr	Latin	land	territory, terrain, terrestrial & terrace
therm	Greek	heat	thermometer, thermal, thermostat & thermos
tract	Latin	pull, drag	tractor, attract, subtract, traction, extract & contract
trib	Latin	give	contribute, tribute, tributary & attribute
urb	Latin	city	urban, suburb, urbane & suburban
vac	Latin	empty	vacant, evacuate, vacate & vacuum

var	Latin	different	vary, invariable, variant, variety & various
vid	Latin	see	video, evidence, provide, providence
vis	Latin	see	visible, vision, visual & visualize
voc	Latin	voice	vocal, advocate, evocation & convocation
void	Latin	empty	void, devoid, avoid, voided & unavoidable
vol	Latin	wish, will	volition, volunteer, voluntary & benevolent
volv	Latin	turn	revolve, involve, evolve, revolver & revolution