

Root word	Meanings	Origin	Examples and Definitions
anthrop/o	human	Greek	anthropology - the study of mankind; anthropomorphism - giving human form to non-human things; philanthropy - the love to mankind (expressed through good deeds)
anti	against, opposite of	Greek	antibody - a substance that destroys micro-organisms; antiseptic - preventing infection; antisocial - opposing social norm
apo, apho	away, off, separate	Greek	aphorism - a short expression of a general truth; apology - an explicit expression of regret, apostrophe - a small dash used in place of an omitted letter
aqu/a	water	Latin	aquarium - a water container for fish; aquatic - relating to water; aqueduct - a pipeline for water
arbor	tree	Latin	arborist - someone working with trees; arbor - a shady area formed by trees; arborous - having many trees
arch/i	chief, most important, rule	Greek	archbishop - the highest ranking bishop; archenemy - chief or worst enemy; matriarch - a female who rules a group; monarch - a king or queen
arch/a/i	primitive, ancient	Greek	archaeology - the study of ancient cultures; archaic - belonging to an earlier period; archive - a collection of historical materials
arthr/o	joint	Latin Greek	arthroscope - a tool to see inside a joint; arthritis - inflammation of a joint; arthropod - invertebrates with jointed legs like spiders, crustaceans, insects
art	skill	Latin	artifact - object made by a person's skill; artisan - a person skilled in a craft; artist - a person who creates skillfully
astro, aster	star, stars, outer space	Latin	astronaut - a person traveling to the stars; astronomer - someone who studies the stars; asterisk - a star-shaped sign used as a reference tool
aud/i/io	hear	Latin	audible - loud enough to be heard; audience - people who listen to a program; audiovisual - relating to sound and vision
auto	self, same, one	Greek	autocrat - a person who governs with absolute power; autograph - a person's own signature; automatic - moving by itself
avi/a	bird	Latin	aviary - a large enclosure for birds; aviatrix - a female airplane pilot; aviation - the art of designing or operating aircraft
bar/o	pressure, weight	Greek	baric - pertaining to pressure, esp. of the atmosphere; milliard - metric unit, equal to 1/1000th of a bar; baryon - heavy elementary particle
bell/i	war	Latin	bellicose - warlike; belligerent - hostile, ready to fight; rebel - person who opposes and fights
bene	good, well	Latin	benefactor - person who gives money to a cause; beneficial - producing a good effect; benevolent - showing kindness or goodwill
bi/n	two, twice,	Latin	biannual - happening twice a year; binoculars - optical device

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juven	young	Latin	juvenile - youthful or childish; rejuvenate - to bring back to youthful strength or appearance.
kilo	thousand	Greek	kilobyte - 1,000 bytes; kilometer - 1,000 meter; kilograms - 1,000 grams.
kine/t /mat	motion, division	Greek	kinetics - study of the force of motion; psychokinesis or telekinesis - the ability to move objects with your mind; cinematography - motion picture making.
lab	work	Latin	collaborate - to work with a person; elaborate - to work out the details; laborious - requiring a lot of hard work.
lact/o	milk	Latin	lactate - to give milk, nurse; lactose - the sugar contained in milk; lactic acid.
later	side	Latin	bilateral - of or involving two sides; unilateral - affecting one side of something.
leuk/o, leuc/o	white, colorless	Greek	leukemia - abnormal increase of white blood cells in the blood; leukocyte - a mature white blood cell; leucine - a white, crystalline amino acid.
lex	word, law, reading	Greek	lexicology - the study and history of words; alexia - loss of the ability to read; illegal - not authorized by the official rules or laws.
liber	free	Latin	liberate - to set free; libertine - a person with a free, wild lifestyle; liberty - freedom.
lingu	language, tongue	Latin	linguist - one who studies languages; multilingual - able to communicate in multiple languages; linguine - long, flat "tongue-shaped" pasta.
lip/o	fat	Greek	liposuction - the mechanical removal of fat reserves in the tissue; lipase - enzyme that breaks down fat; lipid - resembling fat.
lite, ite, lith/o	mineral, rock, fossil	Greek	apatite - a group of common minerals; granite - a hard, granular rock; monolith - a remarkable, unique stone.
loc	place	Latin	dislocate - to put something out of its usual place; location - a place; relocate - to move to a new place.
log/o	word, doctrine, discourse	Greek	logic - correct reasoning; monologue - a long speech by one speaker; analogy - similarity, especially between things otherwise dissimilar.
loqu, locu	speak	Latin	eloquent - speaking beautifully and forcefully ; loquacious - very talkative; elocution - art of public speaking.
luc	light	Latin	elucidate - to explain, to throw light on; lucid - easily understood, giving off light; translucent - allowing light through.
lud, lus	to play	Latin	prelude - introduction to the major performance; illusion - misleading optical image or impression; delude - to mislead, deceive.

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trans	across,beyond, through	Latin	transcontinental - across the continent; transfer - to move from one place to another; transport - to carry something across a space.
tri	three, once in every three, third	Greek Latin	triangle - a figure with 3 sides and 3 angles; triathlon - an athletic contest with 3 events; tricycle - a 3-wheel vehicle with pedals.
ultra	beyond, extreme, more than	Latin	ultrahigh - extremely high; ultramodern - more modern than anything else; ultrasonic - sound waves beyond human hearing.
un	not,opposite of, lacking	Latin	unabridged - not shortened; unfair - opposite of fair; unfriendly - lacking friendliness.
uni	one, single	Latin	unicycle - a vehicle with one wheel; unilateral - decided by only one person or nation; unique - the only one of its kind; unison - as one voice.
urb	city	Latin	suburb - residential area on the edge of a city; urban - relating to a city; urbanology - the study of city life.
vac	empty	Latin	evacuate - to empty a dangerous place; vacant - empty, not occupied; vacation - a time without work.
ven/t	come	Latin	circumvent - to go around or bypass restrictions; convention - a gathering of a assembly of people with a common interest; intervene - to come between.
ver/I	truth	Latin	veracious - truthful, honest; veracity - the truth; verify - to make sure that something is true.
verb	word	Latin	verbalize - to put into words; adverb - a word relating to a verb; proverb - a short saying that expresses a well-known truth.
vers, vert	turn	Latin	reverse - to turn around; introvert - being turned towards the inside; version - a variation of an original; controversy - a conversation in which positions are turned against each other.
vice	acting in place of, next in rank	Latin	vice-president - the person next in rank to the president
vid	see	Latin	evident clearly seen
vince, vic	conquer	Latin	convince - to win someone over; invincible - not able to be conquered; victory - the conquest of an enemy.
vis, vid	see	Latin	vision - the ability to see; envision - to picture in the mind; evident - clearly visible.
viv/i vit	live, life	Latin	revival - the act of bringing back to life; vital - pertaining to live; vivacious - high-spirited and full of life.
voc/i	voice, call	Latin	advocate - to speak in favor of; equivocate - to use misleading language that could be interpreted two different ways; vocalize - to produce with your voice.