

Greek and Latin Roots for Language Arts

Many English words are made up of word parts from other languages, especially Greek and Latin. These word parts are called **roots**. A root cannot stand alone, but knowing its meaning helps you figure out the meaning of the whole word. A group of words with the same root is called a **word family**. Study the chart of **Latin** roots below.

| Root | Meaning | Example |
|-------------------|------------------|--|
| mob, mot, mov | move | <u>mobile</u> , <u>motion</u> , <u>movie</u> |
| duc, duct | lead | <u>conduct</u> |
| ven, vent | come | <u>convention</u> |
| jud | judge | <u>judgment</u> |
| ject | throw, hurl | <u>eject</u> |
| vid/vis | see | <u>video</u> , <u>vision</u> |
| dic/dict | speak, say, tell | <u>dictionary</u> |
| flect/flex | bend | <u>reflection</u> , <u>flexible</u> |
| scrib/script | write | <u>prescribe</u> |
| doc | teach | <u>document</u> |
| sens/sent | feel | <u>sensitive</u> |
| mem/ment | mind | <u>memory</u> , <u>mental</u> |
| not | note, mark | <u>note</u> |
| miss, mit | send | <u>transmit</u> , <u>mission</u> |
| voc | voice, call | <u>vocal</u> |
| port | carry | <u>airport</u> |
| spec, spect, spic | look, see | <u>spectator</u> |
| tain, ten, tent | hold | <u>contain</u> , <u>attention</u> |
| schola | school | <u>scholar</u> |

Greek and Latin Roots - Math

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|------------------|-----------------------|---|
| graph/gram | write, draw, describe | <u>para</u> graph |
| form | form or shape | <u>forma</u> tion, <u>uni</u> form |
| rupt | break | interr <u>upt</u> |
| fract, frag | break | <u>fract</u> ure, <u>frag</u> ment |
| junct | join | <u>junction</u> |
| meter, metr | measure | <u>meter</u> |
| circum | around, about | <u>circum</u> ference |
| gen | birth, race, kind | <u>gen</u> erate |
| div | separate | <u>div</u> ide |
| ques | ask, seek | <u>ques</u> tion |
| grad | step, stage | <u>grad</u> uate, <u>grad</u> ual |
| fer | carry, bear | trans <u>fer</u> , <u>ferry</u> |
| var | different | <u>vari</u> ety, <u>vary</u> |
| pon, pos, posit | place, put | de <u>posit</u> , <u>posit</u> ion |
| funct | perform | <u>funct</u> ion |
| equi | equal | <u>equi</u> distance, <u>equi</u> lateral |
| cede, cede, cess | go, yield, give away | re <u>cede</u> |
| loc, locat | place | <u>loc</u> ation |

Greek and Latin Roots - Science

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|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| log | word, reason, study | ge <u>ology</u> |
| graph/gram | write, draw, describe | para <u>graph</u> |
| scope | see | tele <u>scope</u> |
| photo | light | <u>photo</u> graph |
| phon | sound | <u>phono</u> graph |
| geo | earth | <u>geo</u> logy |
| tele | far, distant | <u>tele</u> vision |
| phob | fear | claustr <u>ophob</u> ia |
| psych | mind, soul, spirit | <u>psych</u> ic |
| cycl | circle, ring | <u>bicycl</u> e |
| therm | heat | <u>thermo</u> meter |
| mech | machine | <u>mech</u> anical |
| bio | life | <u>bio</u> graphy |
| chron | time | <u>chron</u> ological |
| opt | visible | <u>opt</u> ical |
| cardi | heart | <u>cardi</u> ac |
| hydr | water | <u>hydro</u> phobic |
| meter, metr | measure | <u>metr</u> |
| phys | nature | <u>phys</u> ical |

Greek and Latin Roots – Social Studies

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|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| theo | god | <u>theology</u> |
| ortho | straight, correct | <u>orthodox</u> |
| dem | people | <u>democracy</u> |
| geo | earth | <u>geology</u> |
| turb | confusion | <u>disturb</u> |
| div | separate | <u>divide</u> |
| liber | free | <u>liberty</u> |
| ques | ask, seek | <u>question</u> |
| mort | death | <u>mortal</u> |
| cede, ceed, cess | go, yield, give away | <u>secede</u> |
| form | form or shape | <u>uniform</u> |
| rupt | break | <u>disrupt</u> |
| poli | city | <u>police</u> |
| cycl | circle, ring | <u>recycle</u> |
| mob, mot, mov | move | <u>movie</u> |
| duc, duct | lead | <u>conduct</u> |
| ven, vent | come | <u>convention</u> |
| jud | judge | <u>judgment</u> |
| loc, locat | place | <u>locate</u> |