

List of Greek and Latin roots in English

The following is an alphabetical list of **Greek and Latin roots, stems, and prefixes** commonly used in English.

Some of those used in medicine and medical terminology are not listed here but instead in Wikipedia's List of medical roots, suffixes and prefixes.

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A

Root	Meaning in English	Origin language	Etymology (root origin)	English examples
ab-, a-, abs-	away from	Latin	<i>ab</i> "away"	abnormal, abrasion, absent, abstain, abstract, aversion
ac-	sharp or pointed	Latin	<i>acere</i>	acupuncture
acerb-	sharp, bitter, sour	Latin	<i>acerbus</i>	acerbic, exacerbate
acid-	sour or acid	Latin	<i>acidus</i>	acidosis
acr-	height, summit, tip	Greek	ἄκρος (<i>ákros</i>) "high", "extreme"	acrobatics, acromegaly, acronym, acrophobia
acr-	bitter, pungent, sharp, sour	Latin	<i>acer, acris</i>	acid, acrimony
acu-	sharp	Latin	<i>acutus</i> , past participle of <i>acuere</i> "to sharpen", from <i>acus</i> "needle"	acupuncture, acute, acutifoliate
ad-, a-, ac-, af-, ag-, al-, ap-, ar-, as-, at-	movement to or toward; in addition to	Latin	<i>ad</i> "to", "toward"	accept, adapt, affect, approximate, ascend
adip-	fat	Latin	<i>adeps, adipis</i> "fat"	adipose
aer-	air, atmosphere	Greek	αἴρ (<i>aēr</i>) "air"	aeronautics, aerosol
aesthet-	feeling, sensation	Greek	<i>aīsthētikos</i> "of sense perception" from <i>αἰσθάνεσθαι</i> (<i>aīsthanesthai</i>) "to perceive"	aesthetics, anaesthetic
agr-	field	Greek	ἀγρός (<i>agros</i>) "field"	agronomy
agri-, -egri-	field	Latin	<i>ager, agris</i> "field, country"	agriculture, peregrine
alb-	dull white	Latin	<i>albus</i>	albedo, albino, albumen
am-, amat-, amor-	love, loved	Latin	<i>amor</i> "love" from <i>amāre</i> "to love"	amateur, amorous
ambi-	both, on both sides	Latin	<i>ambi</i> "on both sides"	ambidexterity, ambivalent
amic-, -imic-	friend	Latin	<i>amicus</i>	amicable, inimical
amph-, amphi-	around, about, both, on both sides of, both kinds	Greek	ἀμφί (<i>amphī</i>) "on both sides"	amphibian, amphibolic, amphoterism
ampl-	ample, abundant, bountiful	Latin	<i>amplus</i>	amplification
an-, a-	not, without	Greek	Greek ἀν-/ἀ- "not"	anhydrous, atypical
ana-, an-	again, against, back, up	Greek	ἀνά (<i>ana</i>) "again", "against"	anabaptist, anaphylaxis, anion, anode
andr-	male, masculine	Greek	ἀνδρός <i>andros</i>	androgen, android

anem-	wind	Greek	ἄνεμος <i>anemos</i>	anemometer
anim-	breath	Latin	<i>anima</i> "breath"	animal, animation
ann-, -enn-	year, yearly	Latin	<i>annus</i> "year"	anniversary, annual, biannual, millennium
ant-, anti-	against, opposed to, preventive	Greek	ἄντι <i>anti</i> "against"	antagonist, antibiotic, antipodes
ante-, anti-	before, in front of, prior to	Latin	<i>ante</i> "before", "against"	antebellum, antediluvian, anticipate, antiquarian
anth-	flower	Greek	ἄνθος (<i>anthos</i>) "flower"	anther, anthology
anthrop-	human	Greek	ἄνθρωπος (<i>anthropos</i>) "man"	anthropology, anthropomorphic
ap-, apo-	away from, separate, at the farthest point	Greek	ἀπό (<i>apo</i>) "from, away, un-, quite"	apocrine, apogee, apostasy
aqu-	water	Latin	<i>aqua</i>	aquamarine, aquarium, aqueduct, aquifer
ar-	plow, till	Latin	<i>arāre</i>	arable
ar-	be dry	Latin	<i>arēre</i> "be dry or parched"	arid
arche-, archi-	ruler	Greek	ἀρχή (<i>archē</i>) "rule" (in compounds: ἀρχε-, ἀρχι-)	archangel, archetype
archae-, arche-	ancient	Greek	ἀρχαῖος <i>arkhaios</i> "ancient" from <i>arkhē</i> "beginning"	archaeology or archeology, archaic
arct-	Relating to the North Pole or the region near it; relating to cold; used as the scientific name of some bear species, e.g. <i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>	Greek	ἄρκτος <i>arktos</i> "bear"	Arctic Ocean
argent-	silver	Latin	<i>argentum</i>	argent, Argentina
arist-	excellence	Greek	ἀρετή, ἄριστος <i>aretē, aristos</i>	aristocracy
arthr-	joint	Greek	ἄρθρον (<i>arthron</i>)	arthritis, arthropod
astr-	star, star-shaped	Greek	ἄστρον (<i>astron</i>) "star"	asterisk, astrology, astronomy, disaster
athl-	prize	Greek	ἄθλος (<i>athlos</i>) "contest, feat"	athlete, pentathlon
audi-	hearing, listening, sound	Latin	<i>audire</i> "to hear"	audible, auditorium, auditory
aug-, auct-	grow, increase	Latin	<i>augēre, auctus</i> "to increase"	augend, augmentation
aur-	relating to gold, or gold-colored	Latin	<i>aurum</i> "gold"	aureate, aureole
auri-	relating to the ear	Latin	<i>auris</i> "ear"	auricle
aut-, auto-	self; directed from within	Greek	αὐτός (<i>autos</i>) "self", "same"	autograph, automobile, autonomy
avi-	bird	Latin	<i>avis</i>	aviary, aviation
axi-	axis	Latin	<i>axis</i>	axisymmetry
axio-	merit	Greek	ἄξιος (<i>axios</i>) "worth"	axiology

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bac-	rod-shaped	Latin	from <i>baculum</i> "rod"	bacilla, bacteria
bar-	weight, pressure	Greek	βάρος (<i>baros</i>)	barograph, barometer
basi-	at the bottom	Greek	from βαίνω, <i>I walk, march</i> , βάσις "step"	basic, basis
bathy- , batho-	deep, depth	Greek	βαθύς (<i>bathús, bathýs</i>)	batholith, bathyscaphe
be-, beat-	bless	Latin	<i>beare, beatus</i>	beatification
bell-	war	Latin	<i>bellum, belli</i>	antebellum, bellicose, belligerent
ben-	good, well	Latin	<i>bene</i> (adverb)	benefit, benignity
bi-	two	Latin	<i>bis</i> , "twice"; <i>bini</i> , "in twos"	binary, binoculars, bigamy, biscotti
bib-	drink	Latin	<i>bibere, bibitus</i>	imbibe
bibl-	book	Greek	βιβλίον (<i>biblíon</i>) "book"	bible, bibliography
bio-	life	Greek	βίος (<i>bíos</i>) "life"	biography, biology, biologist, biosphere, bioluminescent
blenn-	slime	Greek	βλέννος (<i>blennos</i>)	blennophobia, blennosperma
blast-	germ, embryo, bud, cell with nucleus	Greek	βλασταίνω (<i>blastainō</i>), "I put forth shoots"	blastula, fibroblast, osteoblast, sideroblast
bon-	good	Latin	<i>bonus</i>	bonify, bonitary
bor-	north	Greek / Latin (<i>boreas</i>)	Greek βορρᾶς (<i>borras</i>) "the north wind"	borealis
botan-	plant	Greek	βοτάνη, βότανον (<i>botanē, botanon</i>)	botany
bov-	cow, ox	Latin	<i>bos, bovis</i>	bovine
brachi-	arm	Greek	βραχίον (<i>brakhíōn</i>)	brachial artery, brachiosaurus
brachy-	short	Greek	βραχύς (<i>brakhús, brakhýs</i>)	brachydactyly
brady-	slow	Greek	βραδύς (<i>bradús, bradýs</i>)	bradycardia
branchi-	gill	Greek	βράγχιον (<i>brághkion, bránkhion</i>)	branchiopod, nudibranch
brev(i)-	brief, short (time)	Latin	<i>brevis, breviare</i>	abbreviation, brevity
briz-	nod, slumber	Greek	βρίζω (<i>brizō</i>)	
brom-	oats	Greek	βρόμος, βρόμη (<i>brómos, bróme</i>) "oats"	<i>Bromus ramosus</i>
brom-	stench	Greek	βρόμος (<i>brómos</i>) "stench, clangor"	bromide
bronch-	windpipe	Greek	βρόγχος (<i>bróghkos, brónkhos</i>)	bronchitis, bronchus, bronchiole
bront-	thunder	Greek	βροντή (<i>brontē</i>)	<i>Brontosaurus</i>
bucc-	cheek, mouth, cavity	Latin	<i>bucca</i>	buccal, buccinator muscle
bulb-	bulbous	Latin	<i>bulbus</i>	bulbous, bulbule
bull-	bubble, flask	Latin	<i>bulla</i> , "bubble"	ebullient, ebullism
burs-	pouch, purse	Latin	<i>bursa</i>	bursa, bursar, bursary, disburse

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cac-	bad	Greek	κακός (<i>kakos</i>)	cacophony
cad- , -cid- , cas-	fall	Latin	<i>cadere, casus</i>	accident, cadence, case
caed- , -cid- , caes- , -cis-	cut	Latin	<i>caedere, caesus</i>	caesura, incisor
calc-	stone	Latin and Greek	from Latin <i>calx</i> "lime", and from Greek <i>χάλιξ</i> (<i>khalix</i>) "pebble" "limestone"	calcite, calcium, calculus
call- , calli-	beautiful	Greek	from Greek κάλλος <i>kallos</i> "beauty"	calligraphy
calor-	heat	Latin	<i>calor</i> "heat"	calorie
calyp-	cover	Greek	καλύπτειν (<i>kaluptein</i>)	apocalypse
camer-	vault	Latin	<i>camera</i>	bicameral, camera
camp-	field	Latin	<i>campus</i> "field", "level ground"	champion, campaign
can-	dog	Latin	<i>canis</i>	canine, Canis Major
can- , -cin- , cant-	sing	Latin	<i>canere</i>	cantata, canto, cantor
cand-	glowing, iridescent	Latin	<i>candere</i> "to be white or glisten"	candela, candid, candle, candor, incandescent, incendiary, incense
cap- , -cip- , capt- , -cept-	hold, take	Latin	<i>capere, captus</i> "take or hold" (vowel changes from <i>a</i> to <i>i</i> in compounds)	capture, captive, conception, recipient
capit- , -cipit-	head	Latin	<i>caput, capitis</i> "head"	capital, decapitation, precipitation
capr-	goat	Latin	<i>caper, capri</i>	Capricorn, caprine
caps-	box, case	Latin	<i>capsa</i>	capsule
carbo-	coal	Latin	<i>carbo, carbonis</i>	carbon
carcer-	jail	Latin	<i>carcer, carcerare</i>	incarceration
carcin-	cancer (disease)	Latin from Greek	Latin from Greek καρκίνος (<i>karkinos</i>) "crab"	carcinogenic, carcinoma
cardi-	relating to the heart	Greek	καρδιά <i>kardia</i> "heart"	cardiograph, cardiology
cardin-	hinge	Latin	<i>cardo, cardinis</i>	cardinal
carn-	flesh	Latin	<i>caro, carnis</i>	carnal, carnival, carnivore
carp-	relating to fruit	Greek	καρπός (<i>karpos</i>) "fruit"	carpology
carp-	relating to the wrist	Greek	καρπός (<i>karpos</i>) "wrist"	carpal, carpal tunnel syndrome
cast-	pure	Latin	from Latin <i>castus</i> "chaste"	caste, castigate, castrate
cata- , cat-	down	Greek	from Greek κατά (<i>katá</i>) "down"	catabolic, catalyst, catastrophe, catatonia, cathode, cation
caten-	chain	Latin	<i>catena</i>	catenary, concatenation
cathar-	pure	Greek	καθαρός (<i>katharos</i>)	catharsis
caud-	tail	Latin	<i>cauda</i>	caudal
caus- , -cus-	cause or motive	Latin	<i>causa</i>	causative
cav-	hollow	Latin	<i>cavus</i> "hollow"	cave, cavity, excavation
ced- , cess-	go	Latin	<i>cedere, cessus</i>	procession, recede, secede

celer-	quick	Latin	<i>celer, celerare</i>	acceleration, celerity
cen-	new	Greek	καινός (<i>kainos</i>)	Cenozoic
cen-	empty	Greek	κενός (<i>kenos</i>)	cenotaph
cens-		Latin	<i>censere</i> "to estimate"	census
cent-	hundred	Latin	<i>centum</i>	cent, centennial, centurion
centen-	hundred each	Latin	<i>centeni</i>	centenary
centesim-	hundredth	Latin	<i>centesimus</i>	centesimal, centesimation
centr-	center	Greek	κέντρον (<i>kéntron</i>) "needle", "spur"	eccentric
cephal-	head	Greek	κεφαλή (<i>kephale</i>)	cephalic, cephalopod, encephalogram
ceram-	clay	Greek	κέραμος (<i>keramos</i>)	ceramic
cerat-	horn	Greek	κέρας, κέρατος (<i>keras, keratos</i>) "horn"	keratin
cern-	sift	Latin	<i>cernere</i>	discern, secern
cervic-	relating to the neck, relating to the cervix	Latin	<i>cervix, cervicis</i> "neck"	cervix, cervical
ceter-	other	Latin	<i>ceterus</i>	et cetera
chir-	of the hand or hands	Greek	χείρ (<i>kheir</i>) "hand"	chiral, chiropractic, chiroptera
chelon-	relating to a turtle	Greek	χελώνη (<i>khelōne</i>) "tortoise"	chelonina
chlor-	green	Greek	χλωρός (<i>chlōros</i>) "green"	chlorine, chlorophyll, chloroplast
chore-	relating to dance	Greek	χορεία <i>khoreia</i> "dancing in unison" from χορός <i>choros</i> "chorus"	choreography
chord-	cord	Latin and Greek	<i>chorda</i> "rope" from χορδή (<i>chordē</i>)	chordata
chrom-	color	Greek	χρῶμα (<i>chrōma</i>) "color"	chromium, chromosome, monochrome
chron-	time	Greek	χρόνος (<i>chronos</i>)	chronic, chronology, chronometer
chrys-	gold	Greek	χρυσός (<i>khrusos</i>) "gold"	chrysolite
cili-	eyelash	Latin	<i>cilium</i>	cilia, supercilious
cine-	motion	Greek	κινέω (<i>kineō</i>)	cinema
ciner-	ash	Latin	<i>cinis, cineris</i>	incineration
cing-, cinct-	gird	Latin	<i>cingere, cinctus</i>	succinct
circ-	circle	Latin	<i>circus</i>	circus
circum-	around	Latin	<i>circum</i>	circumcise, circumference, circumlocution, circumnavigate
cirr-	orange	Greek	κιρρός (<i>kirros</i>)	cirrhosis
cirr-	curl, tentacle	Latin	<i>cirrus</i>	cirrus
civ-	citizen	Latin	<i>civis</i>	civility
clad-	branch	Greek	κλάδος (<i>klados</i>)	clade
clar-	clear	Latin	<i>clarus, clarare</i>	clarity, declaration
clast-	broken	Greek	κλαστός (<i>klastos</i>)	iconoclast, osteoclast
claud-, -clud-, claus-, -clus-	close	Latin	<i>claudere, clausus</i>	clause, exclusion, include

clav-	key	Greek	from Greek κλείς <i>kleis</i> "key" from κλείειν, (<i>kleiein</i>) "to close"	clavichord, clavicle, conclave
cl(e)ist-	closed	Greek	κλειστός (<i>kleistos</i>)	
cleithr-	bar, key	Greek		cleithrum
clement-	mild	Latin	<i>clemens, clementis</i>	clemency, inclement
clin-	bed, lean, recline	Latin	<i>-clinare</i>	declination, inclined
cochl-	shell	Greek	κόχλος (<i>kochlos</i>)	cochlea
coel-	hollow	Greek	κοῖλος (<i>koiilos</i>)	blastocoel, coelom, spongocoel
cogn-	know	Latin	<i>cognoscere</i>	cognitive, cognizant, recognize
col-	strain	Latin	<i>colare, colum</i>	colander
coll-	hill	Latin	<i>collis</i>	
coll-	neck	Latin	<i>collum</i>	collar
color-	color	Latin	<i>color</i>	coloration, coloratura, tricolor
con-, co-, col-, com-, cor-	with, together	Latin	<i>cum</i>	coagulate, collide, compress, connect, contain, corrode
con-	cone	Greek	κῶνος (<i>kōnos</i>)	conic, conical, conoid
condi-	season	Latin	<i>condire</i>	condiment
contra-	against	Latin	<i>contra</i>	contradiction, contrast
copr-	dung	Greek	κόπρος (<i>kopros</i>)	coprolite, coprophagia, coprophilia
corac-	raven	Greek	κόραξ, κόρακος (<i>korax, korakos</i>)	coracoid
cord-	heart	Latin	<i>cor, cordis</i>	accord, cordial
corn-	horn	Latin	<i>cornu</i>	cornea, cornucopia, unicorn
coron-	crown	Latin	<i>corona, coronare</i>	corona, coronation
corpor-	body	Latin	<i>corpus, corporis</i>	corporation, corpse, corpuscle
cortic-	bark	Latin	<i>cortex, corticis</i>	corticosteroid
cosm-	universe	Greek	κόσμος (<i>kosmos</i>)	cosmic, cosmonaut
cosmet-		Greek	κοσμητ- (<i>kosmet-</i>)	cosmetics, cosmetology
cost-	rib	Latin	<i>costa</i>	costal
cotyl-	cup	Greek	κοτύλη (<i>kotulē</i>)	cotyledon
-cracy, -crat	government, rule, authority	Greek	κράτος (<i>kratos</i>)	democracy
crani-	skull	Greek	κρανίον (<i>kranion</i>)	cranium
crass-	thick	Latin	<i>crassus</i>	crassitude
cre-	make	Latin	<i>creare, creatus</i>	creation, creature
cred-	believe, trust	Latin	<i>credere, creditus</i>	credentials, credibility, creditor, incredible
crep-	boot, shoe	Greek	κρηπίς, κρηπίδος (<i>krēpis, krēpidos</i>)	
cribr-	sieve	Latin	<i>cribrum, cribrare</i>	cribble, cribrate
	ring	Greek	κρίκος (<i>krikos</i>)	
cris-, crit-	judge	Greek	κρίσις (<i>crisis</i>)	crisis, critic
crisp-	curled	Latin	<i>crispus</i>	crispate

cris-	crest	Latin	<i>crista</i>	cristate
cross-	fringe, tassel	Greek	κροσσός (<i>krossos</i>)	
cruc-	cross	Latin	<i>crux, crucis</i>	crucial, crucifix, crucify, excruciating
crur-	leg, shank	Latin	<i>crus, cruris</i>	crural
crypt-	hidden	Greek	κρυπτός (<i>kruptos</i>)	cryptic, cryptography
cten-	comb	Greek	κτείς, κτενός (<i>kteis, ktenos</i>)	ctenophore
cub-	cube	Greek	κύβος (<i>kubos</i>)	cubic, cuboid
cub-	lie	Latin	<i>cubare</i>	incubation, succuba
culin-	kitchen	Latin	<i>culina</i>	culinary
culp-	blame, fault	Latin	<i>culpa</i>	culpable, exculpate
cune-	wedge	Latin	<i>cuneus</i>	cuneiform
curr-, curs-	run	Latin	<i>currere, cursus</i>	concurrent, current, cursive, recursion
curv-	bent	Latin	<i>curvus</i>	curvature
cuspid-	lance, point	Latin	<i>cuspis, cuspidis</i>	bicuspid
cut-	skin	Latin	<i>cutis</i>	cuticle
cyan-	blue	Greek	κυανός (<i>kuanos</i>)	cyanide
cycl-	circular	Greek	κύκλος (<i>kuklos</i>)	bicycle, cycle, cyclone
cylind-	roll	Greek	κύλινδρος (<i>kulindros</i>)	cylinder
cyn-	dog	Greek	κύων, κυνός (<i>kuōn, kunos</i>)	cynosure
cyst-	capsule	Greek	κύστις (<i>kustis</i>)	cystic
cyt-	cell	Greek	κύτος (<i>kutos</i>)	cytoplasm, cnidocyte

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dactyl-	finger, toe, digit	Greek	δάκτυλος (<i>daktulos</i>)	dactylogy, pterodactyl
damn-, -demn-	to inflict loss upon	Latin	<i>damnāre</i>	condemn, damnation
de-	from, away from, removing, down	Latin	<i>dē</i>	deletion, dementia, descend
deb-	owe	Latin	<i>debere, debitus</i>	debit
deca-, dec-, deka-, dek-	ten	Greek	δέκα <i>deka</i> , ten	decagram, decahedron
decim-	tenth part	Latin	<i>decimus</i> , tenth; from <i>decem</i> , ten	decimal, decimate
delt-		Greek	δέλτα (<i>delta</i>)	deltoid
dem-	people	Greek	δῆμος (<i>dēmos</i>)	demagogue, democracy
den-	ten each	Latin	<i>deni</i>	denarius, denary
dendr-	resembling a tree	Greek	δένδρον (<i>dendron</i>): akin to <i>δρῦς</i> , <i>drys</i> , "tree"	dendrite, dendrochronology
dens-	thick	Latin	<i>densus</i>	condense, density
dent-	tooth	Latin	<i>dens, dentis</i>	dental, dentifrice, dentures

derm-	skin	Greek	δέρμα (<i>derma</i>)	dermis, epidermis, hypodermic
deuter-	second	Greek	δεύτερος (<i>deuteros</i>)	Deuteronomy, deuterostome
dexter-	right	Latin	<i>dexter</i>	dexterity, dextrose
dexi-	right	Greek	δεξιός, right	Dexiarchia
di-	two	Greek	δι-	dicot, diode, dipole
dia-	apart, through	Greek	διά (<i>dia</i>)	dialysis, diameter, diagram
dict-	say, speak	Latin	<i>dicere, dictus</i>	contradict, dictate, dictation, dictionary, edict, predict
digit-	finger	Latin	<i>digitus</i>	digital
dino-	terrible, fearfully great	Greek	δεινός (<i>deinos</i>)	dinosaur
dipl-	double; twofold	Greek	διπλός (<i>diplos</i>)	diploid, diplois
doc-, doct-	teach	Latin	<i>docere, doctus</i>	docile, doctor, indoctrinate
dodec-	twelve	Greek	δώδεκα (<i>dodeka</i>)	dodecasyllabic
dogmat-, dox-	opinion, tenet	Greek	δόξα	dogmatic, orthodox
dom-	house	Latin	<i>domus</i>	dome
don-	give	Latin	<i>donare</i>	condone, donation
dorm-	sleep	Latin	<i>dormire</i>	dormant, dormitory
dors-	back	Latin	<i>dorsum</i>	dorsal
du-	two	Latin	<i>duo</i>	dual
dub-	doubtful	Latin	<i>dubius</i>	dubious
duc-, duct-	lead	Latin	<i>dux, ducis</i>	abduction, conductor, introduction, production, reduction, deduction
dulc-	sweet	Latin	<i>dulcis</i>	dulcet
dur-	hard	Latin	<i>durus</i>	durable, duration, duress, endure, obdurate
dy-	two	Greek	δυο (<i>duo</i>)	dyad
dynam-	power	Greek	δύναμη (<i>dunamē</i>)	dynamism, dynasty, dynamite
dys-	badly, ill	Greek	δυσ-	dysentery, dysplasia, dystrophy

E

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ec-	out	Greek	ἐκ (<i>ek</i>)	eccentric
eco-	house	Greek	οἶκος (<i>oikos</i>)	ecology, economics, ecumenism
ecto-	outside	Greek	ἐκτός (<i>ektos</i>)	ectoderm
ed-, es-	eat	Latin	<i>edere, esus</i>	edible
ego-	self, I (first person)	Latin, Greek	ego, ἐγώ	egocentric
ego-, eg-	goat	Greek	αἴξ (<i>aix</i>)	egophony
em-, empt-	buy	Latin	<i>emere, emptus</i>	exemption, preempt, redeem
eme-	vomit	Greek	ἔμετος (<i>emetos</i>)	emetic
emul-	striving to equal, rivaling	Latin	<i>aemulus, aemulare</i>	emulator

en-, em-	in	Greek	ἐν (<i>en</i>)	emphasis
endo-	inside	Greek	ἔνδον (<i>endon</i>)	endocrine, endocytosis
engy-	narrow	Greek	ἐγγύς (<i>engys</i>)	
ennea-	nine	Greek	ἐννέα (<i>ennea</i>)	ennead, enneagon
ens-	sword	Latin	<i>ensis</i>	
eo-, eos-, eso-	dawn, east	Greek	Ἠώς/Ἔως	Eocene
ep-, epi-	upon	Greek	ἐπί (<i>epi</i>)	epicenter, epitaph, epoch
epistem-	knowledge or science	Greek	ἐπιστήμη (<i>epistēmē</i>)	epistemic
equ-, -iqu-	even, level	Latin	<i>aequus</i>	equal, equivalence
equ-	horse	Latin	<i>equus</i>	equestrian
erg-	work	Greek	ἔργον (<i>ergon</i>)	ergonomics
err-	stray	Latin	<i>errare</i>	aberration, errant
erythr-	red	Greek	ἐρυθρός (<i>eruthros</i>)	erythrocyte
eso-	within	Greek	ἔσω (<i>esō</i>)	esoteric
etho-, eth-, ethi-	custom, habit	Greek	ἦθος (<i>ēthos</i>)	ethology
ethm-	sieve	Greek	ἡθμός (<i>hethmos</i>); ἡθεῖν (<i>hethain</i>)	ethmoid
ethn-	people, race, tribe, nation	Greek	ἔθνος (<i>ethnos</i>)	ethnarch, ethnic
etym-	true	Greek	ἔτυμος (<i>etumos</i>)	etymology
eu-	well, good	Greek	εὖ (<i>eu</i>)	euphoria, euthanasia
eur-	wide	Greek	εὐρύς (<i>eurus</i>)	Europe
ex-, e-, ef-	from, out	Latin	<i>ex</i>	exclude, extend, extrude
exo-	outside	Greek	ἔξω (<i>eksō</i>)	exoskeleton, exothermic
exter-, extra-	outer	Latin	<i>externus</i>	exterior
extrem-	outermost, utmost	Latin	<i>extremus</i>	extremity, extremophile

F

Root	Meaning in English	Origin language	Etymology (root origin)	English examples
f-, fat-	say, speak	Latin	<i>fari, fatus</i>	fate, infant, preface
fab-	bean	Latin	<i>faba</i>	faba bean
fac-, -fic-, fact, -fect-	make	Latin	<i>facere, factus</i>	defect, factory, manufacture
falc-	sickle	Latin	<i>falx, falcis</i>	falciform
fall-, -fell-, fals-	deceive	Latin	<i>fallere, falsus</i>	falsity, infallibility
fallac-	false	Latin	<i>fallax, fallacis</i>	fallacy
famili-	a close attendant	Latin	<i>famulus</i>	familiarity
fant-	to show	Greek	φαντάζω	fantasy
fasc-	bundle	Latin	<i>fascis</i>	fasciculation, fascism
fatu-	foolish, useless	Latin	<i>fatuus</i>	fatuously, infatuation

feder-	treaty, agreement, contract, league, pact	Latin	<i>foedus, foederis</i>	confederation, federal
fel-	cat	Latin	<i>feles, felis</i>	Felinae, feline
felic-	happy, merry	Latin	<i>felix, felicitis</i>	felicity
fell-	suck	Latin	<i>fellare</i>	fellation
femin-	women, female	Latin	<i>femina</i>	femininity
femor-	thigh	Latin	<i>femur, femoris</i>	femoral
fend-, fens-	strike	Latin	<i>fendere, -fensus</i>	defend, offense
fenestr-	window	Latin	<i>fenestra</i>	defenestration
fer-	carry	Latin	<i>ferre</i>	reference, transfer
feroc-	fierce	Latin	<i>ferox, ferocis</i>	ferocity
ferr-	iron	Latin	<i>ferrum</i>	ferrous
fet-	stink	Latin	<i>fetere</i>	fetid, fetor
fic-	fig	Latin	<i>ficus</i>	Ficus
fid-, fis-	faith, trust	Latin	<i>fides, fidere, fisis</i>	confidence, fidelity
fil-	thread	Latin	<i>filum</i>	filament
fili-	son	Latin	<i>filius</i>	affiliation
fin-	end	Latin	<i>finis</i>	finish, final
find-, fiss-	split	Latin	<i>findere, fissus</i>	fission, fissures
firm-	fix, settle	Latin	<i>firmus, firmare</i>	confirmation, firmament
fistul-	hollow, tube	Latin		fistula
fl-	blow	Latin	<i>flare, flatus</i>	flatulence, inflation, insufflation
flacc-	flabby	Latin	<i>flaccus, flaccere</i>	flaccid
flav-	yellow	Latin	<i>flavus</i>	flavonoid
flect-, flex-	bend	Latin	<i>flectere, flexus</i>	flexible, flexile, flexor, inflection
flig-, flict-	strike	Latin	<i>fligere, flictus</i>	conflict, inflict
flor-	flower	Latin	<i>flos, floris</i>	floral, florid
flu-, flux-	flow	Latin	<i>fluere, fluxus</i>	effluent, fluency, influx
foc-	hearth	Latin	<i>focus</i>	focal
fod-, foss-	dig	Latin	<i>fodere, fossus</i>	fossil
foen-	hay	Latin	<i>feniculum</i>	
foli-	leaf	Latin	<i>folium</i>	defoliant
font-	spring	Latin	<i>fons, fontis</i>	font, fontal, fontanelle
for-	bore, drill	Latin	<i>forare, foratus</i>	foralite, foramen, foraminifer, perforation
form-	shape	Latin	<i>forma</i>	conformity, deformity, formation, reformatory
fornic-	vault	Latin	<i>fornix, fornicis</i>	fornication
fort-	strong	Latin	<i>fortis</i>	fortification
fove-	shallow round depression	Latin	<i>fovea</i>	fovea
frang-, -fring-, fract-, frag-	break	Latin	<i>frangere, fractus</i>	fracture, fragment, frangible, infringe

frater-, fratr-	brother	Latin	<i>frater</i>	fraternity
fric-, frict-	rub	Latin	<i>fricare, frictus</i>	dentifrice, friction
frig-	cold	Latin	<i>frigere</i>	frigid, frigorific
front-	forehead	Latin	<i>frons, frontis</i>	confront, frontage, frontal
fruct-, frug-	fruit	Latin	<i>frux, fructis</i>	fructose
fug-, fugit-	flee	Latin	<i>fugere</i>	centrifuge, fugitive, refuge
fum-	smoke	Latin	<i>fumus</i>	fume, fumigation
fund-	bottom	Latin	<i>fundus, fundare</i>	fundamentalism, profundity
fund-, fus-	pour	Latin	<i>fundere, fusus</i>	diffusion, effusion, fusion, profuse, profusion, transfusion, effusive
fung-, funct-	do	Latin	<i>fungi, functus</i>	function, fungibility
fur-, furt-	steal	Latin	<i>fur, furare</i>	furtive
furc-	fork	Latin	<i>furca</i>	bifurcation
fusc-	dark	Latin	<i>fuscus</i>	obfuscation

G

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galact-	milk	Greek	γάλα, γαλακτός (<i>gala, galaktos</i>)	galactic
gastr-	stomach	Greek	γαστήρ (<i>gaster</i>)	gastric, gastroenterology
geo-	earth	Greek	γῆ (<i>gē</i>), γεω- (<i>geō-</i>)	geography, geology, geometry
gel-	icy cold	Latin	<i>gelum</i>	gelatin, gelid
gen-	race, kind, birth	Greek	γένος (<i>genos</i>)	eugenics, genocide
ger-, gest-	bear, carry	Latin	<i>gerere, gestus</i>	digest, gestation
germin-	sprout	Latin	<i>germen, germinis</i>	germination
glabr-	hairless	Latin	<i>glaber</i>	glabrous
glaci-	ice	Latin	<i>glacies</i>	glacier
gladi-	sword	Latin	<i>gladius</i>	gladiator
glia-	glue	Greek	γλία (<i>glia</i>)	glial
glob-	sphere	Latin	<i>globus</i>	global, globule
glori-	glory	Latin	<i>gloria</i>	glorify
glutin-	glue	Latin	<i>gluten, glutinis</i>	agglutination
grad-, -gred-, gress-	walk, step, go	Latin	<i>gradus, gradere, gressus</i>	grade, regress
gram-	writing	Greek	γράμμα (<i>gramma</i>)	grammar, grammatic
gran-	grain	Latin	<i>granum</i>	granary, granite, granola, granule
grand-	grand	Latin	<i>grandis</i>	grandiloquous, grandiosity
graph-	draw, write	Greek	γραφῆ (<i>graphē</i>)	grapheme, graphic, graphology
grat-	thank, please	Latin	<i>gratus</i>	gratitude, ingrate
grav-	heavy	Latin	<i>gravis</i>	aggravation, grave, gravity
greg-	flock	Latin	<i>grex, gregis</i>	egregious, gregarious, segregation

gubern-	govern, pilot	Latin	<i>gubernare</i>	gubernatorial
gust-	taste	Latin	<i>gustus</i>	disgust, gusto
gutt-	drop	Latin	<i>gutta</i>	gutta, guttifer, guttiform
guttur-	throat	Latin	<i>guttur</i>	guttural
gymn-	nude	Greek	γυμνός (<i>gymnos</i>)	gymnasium, gymnastics, gymnosperm
gyn-	woman	Greek	γυνή	gynecology

H

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hab-, -hib-, habit-, -hibit-	have	Latin	<i>habere, habitus</i>	habit, prohibition
haem-, hem-	blood	Greek	αἷμα (<i>haima</i>)	haemophilia, hemoglobin
hal-	salt	Greek	ἅλς, ἅλός (<i>hals, halos</i>)	halogen
hal-, -hel-	breathe	Latin	<i>halare, halatus</i>	anhelation, inhale
hapl-	simple, single	Greek	ἁπλοῦς (<i>haplous</i>)	haploid, haplotype
haur-, haust-	draw	Latin	<i>haurire, haustus</i>	exhaustion
heli-	sun	Greek	ἥλιος (<i>hēlios</i>)	heliocentric, heliotrope, helium
hemi-	half	Greek	ἥμισος (<i>hēmisis</i>)	hemicycle, hemisphere
hen-	one	Greek	ἓν (<i>hen</i>)	henad, hyphen
hendec-	eleven	Greek	ἕνδεκα (<i>hendeka</i>)	hendecagon
hept-	seven	Greek	ἑπτὰ (<i>hepta</i>)	heptagon, heptathlon, heptode
her-, hes-	cling	Latin	<i>haerere, haesus</i>	adhesive, coherent
herb-	grass	Latin	<i>herba</i>	herbal, herbicide
hered-	heir	Latin	<i>heres, heredis</i>	heredity
herp-	creep	Greek	ἔρπω, ἔρπειν (<i>herpō, herpein</i>)	herpes, herpetology
heter-	different, other	Greek	ἕτερος (<i>heteros</i>)	heterodoxy
heur-	find	Greek	εὕρισκω (<i>heuriskō</i>)	heuristic
hex-	six	Greek	ἕξ (<i>hex</i>)	hexagon, hexahedron, hexode
hibern-	wintry	Latin	<i>hibernus</i>	hibernation
hiem-	winter	Latin	<i>hiems</i>	hiemal
hipp-	horse	Greek	ἵππος (<i>hippos</i>)	hippodrome
hirsut-	hairy	Latin	<i>hirtus, hirsutus</i>	hirsute
hispid-	bristly	Latin	<i>hispidus</i>	hispidity, hispidulous
histri-	actor	Latin	<i>histrion, histrionis</i>	histrionic
hod-	way	Greek	ὁδός (<i>hodos</i>)	cathode, herpolhode, odometer
hol-	whole	Greek	ὅλος (<i>holos</i>)	holistic
hom-	same	Greek	ὁμός (<i>homos</i>)	homophone, homosexual

home-	like	Greek	ὅμοιος (<i>homoios</i>)	homeostasis
homin-	human	Latin	<i>homo, hominis</i>	hominid
homal-	even, flat	Greek	ὅμαλός (<i>homalos</i>)	anomalous
honor-	esteem	Latin	<i>honos, honoris</i>	honorable, honorarium
hor-	boundary	Greek	ὄρος (<i>horos</i>)	aphorism, horizon
hor-	hour	Greek	ὥρα (<i>hōra</i>)	horoscope
horm-	that which excites	Greek	ὁρμή (<i>hormē</i>)	hormone
hort-	garden	Latin	<i>hortus, horti</i>	horticulture
hospit-	host	Latin	<i>hospes, hospitis</i>	hospital, hospitality, inhospitable
host-	enemy	Latin	<i>hostis</i>	hostile
hum-	ground	Latin	<i>humus, humare</i>	exhumation, inhume
hyal-	glass	Greek	ὑάλος (<i>hualos</i>)	hyaline, hyaloid
hydr-	water	Greek	ὑδωρ (<i>hudōr</i>)	hydraulics, hydrology, hydrolysis, hydrophily, hydrophobia, hydroponic, hydrous
hygr-	wet	Greek	ὕγρός (<i>hugros</i>)	hygrometer
hyo-	U-shaped	Greek	ὕοειδής (<i>huoeidēs</i>)	hyoid
hyp-	under	Greek	ὑπό (<i>hupo</i>)	hypothermia
hyper-	above, over	Greek	ὑπέρ (<i>hyper</i>)	hyperbole, hypertonic
hypn-	sleep	Greek	ὑπνος (<i>hupnos</i>)	hypnosis
hyster-	later	Greek	ὑστερος (<i>husteros</i>)	hysteresis

I

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ichthy-	fish	Greek	ἰχθύς (<i>ichthus</i>)	ichthyology
icos-	twenty	Greek	εἴκοσι (<i>eikosi</i>)	icosagon, icosahedron
id-	shape	Greek	εἶδος (<i>eidos</i>)	idol
ide-	idea; thought	Greek	ιδέα (<i>idea</i>)	ideogram, ideology
idi-	personal	Greek	ἴδιος (<i>idios</i>)	idiom, idiosyncrasy, idiot
ign-	fire	Latin	<i>ignis</i>	igneous, ignition
in- (1), im-	in, on	Latin	<i>in</i>	import, incur, intend, invite
in- (2), il-, im-, ir-	not, un- (negation)	Latin	<i>in-</i>	il licit, im possible, in imical, ir rational
infra-	below, under	Latin	<i>infra</i>	infrastructure
insul-	island	Latin	<i>insula</i>	insular, insulation
inter-	among, between	Latin	<i>inter</i> (preposition)	intercollegiate, intermission, intersection
intra-	within	Latin	<i>intra</i>	intramural
irasc-, irat-	be angry	Latin	<i>irasci</i>	irascible, irate
is-, iso-	equal, the same	Greek	ἴσος (<i>isos</i>)	isometric, isomorphic, isotropic
iter-	again	Latin	<i>iterum, iterare</i>	iteration

itiner-	route, way	Latin	<i>iter</i> , <i>itineris</i> – march, journey	itinerary
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J

Root	Meaning in English	Origin language	Etymology (root origin)	English examples
jac-	lie	Latin	<i>jacēre</i> "to be thrown"	adjacent
jac- (originally IAC), -ject-	cast, throw	Latin	<i>iacio</i> , <i>iacere</i> , <i>ieci</i> , <i>iectus</i> – "to throw" (<i>and cognates thereof</i>)	eject, interject, ejaculate, trajectory
janu-	door	Latin	<i>janua</i>	janitor
joc-	joke	Latin	<i>jocus</i>	jocularly
jug-	yoke	Latin	<i>jugare</i> , <i>jugum</i>	conjugal, subjugate
jung-, junct-	join	Latin	<i>jungere</i> , <i>junctus</i>	conjunction, juncture
junior-	younger	Latin	<i>junior</i>	juniority
jus-, jur-, judic- (originally IVS)	law, justice	Latin	<i>ius</i> , <i>iuris</i> ; <i>iudex</i> , <i>iudicis</i>	judge, jury, justice
juv-, jut-	help	Latin	<i>juvare</i> , <i>jutus</i>	adjutant
juven-	young, youth	Latin	<i>juvenis</i>	juvenile, rejuvenate
juxta-	beside, near	Latin	<i>juxta</i>	juxtaposition

K

Root	Meaning in English	Origin language	Etymology (root origin)	English examples
kil(o)-	thousand	Greek	<i>χίλιοι</i> (<i>chilioi</i>)	kilobyte, kilogram, kilometer
kine-	movement, motion	Greek	<i>κινέω</i> (<i>kineo</i>)	telekinesis, kinetic energy, kinesthetic
klept-	steal	Greek	<i>κλέπτεις</i> (<i>kleptēs</i>)	kleptomania
kudo-	glory	Greek	<i>κῦδος</i> (<i>kudos</i>)	kudos

L

Root	Meaning in English	Origin language	Etymology (root origin)	English examples
lab-, laps-	slide, slip	Latin	<i>labi</i> , <i>lapsus</i>	elapse, relapse
labi-	lip	Latin	<i>labia</i> , <i>labiae</i>	bilabial, labial
labor-	toil	Latin	<i>labor</i>	collaboration, elaboration
lacer-	tear	Latin	<i>lacer</i>	laceration
lacrim-	cry, tears	Latin	<i>lacrima</i> "tear"	lacrimal, lacrimous
lact-	milk	Latin	<i>lac</i> , <i>lactis</i> , <i>lactare</i>	lactate, lactation, lactose
lamin-	layer, slice	Latin	<i>lamina</i>	laminated, lamination
lamp-	shine	Greek	<i>λαμπάς</i> <i>lampas</i> "torch"	lamp
lapid-	stone	Latin	<i>lapis</i> , <i>lapidis</i>	lapidary
larg-	large	Latin	<i>largus</i>	enlargement

larv-	ghost, mask	Latin	<i>larva</i>	larva, larvae, larval
lat-	broad, wide	Latin	<i>latus</i>	latitude
later-	side	Latin	<i>latus, lateris</i>	bilateral
laud-, laus-	praise	Latin	<i>laudare</i>	laud
lav-	wash	Latin	<i>lavare</i>	lavatory
lax-	not tense	Latin	<i>laxus, laxare</i>	laxative, relaxation
led-, les-	hurt	Latin	<i>laedere, laesus</i>	lesion
leg-	law	Latin	<i>lex, legis, legare</i>	legal, legislative
leg-	send	Latin	<i>legare</i>	relegate
lei-	smooth	Greek	<i>λείος leios</i>	leiomyoma
lekan-	dish, pot	Greek	<i>λεκάνη lekane</i>	lekane
leni-	gentle	Latin	<i>lenis, lenire</i>	leniency
leon-	lion	Latin	<i>leo, leonis</i>	Leo, leonine, Leopold
lep-	flake, scale	Greek	<i>λέπις lepis</i>	Lepidoptera
leps-	grasp, seize	Greek	<i>λήψης lepsis</i>	epilepsy
leuc(o)-, leuk(o)-	white	Greek	<i>λευκός leukos</i>	leucocyte
lev-	lift, light	Latin	<i>levis "light" (in weight), levare</i>	elevator, levitation
liber-	free	Latin	<i>liber, liberare</i>	liberation, liberty
libr-	book	Latin	<i>liber, libri</i>	librarian, library
lig-	bind	Latin	<i>ligare, ligatus</i>	ligament, ligature
limac-	slug	Latin	<i>limax, limacis</i>	limacoid, limacon
lin-	line	Latin	<i>linea</i>	line, linearity
lingu-	language, tongue	Latin	<i>lingua</i>	bilingual, linguistic
linqu-, lict-	leave	Latin	<i>linquere, lictus</i>	relict, relinquish
lip-	fat	Greek	<i>λίπος lipos</i>	lipolysis
liter-	letter	Latin	<i>littera</i>	alliteration, illiterate, literacy, literal, obliterate
lith-	stone	Greek	<i>λίθος (lithos)</i>	lithosphere, megalith, monolith, Neolithic Era
loc-	place	Latin	<i>locus</i>	local, location
log-	thought, word, speech	Greek	<i>λόγος (logos) "word"</i>	logic, monologue, morphological
long-	long	Latin	<i>longus</i>	elongate, longitude
loqu-, locut-	speak	Latin	<i>loqui</i>	allocution, eloquence
luc-	bright, light	Latin	<i>lux, lucis</i> light	Lucifer (bearer of light)
lud-, lus-	play	Latin	<i>ludere, lusus</i>	allude, illusion
lumin-	light	Latin	<i>lumen, luminis</i>	illumination, luminous
lun-	moon	Latin	<i>luna</i>	lunar, lunatic
lysis	dissolving	Greek	<i>λύσις (lysis)</i>	analysis, cytolysis, hydrolysis

M

Root	Meaning in English	Origin language	Etymology (root origin)	English examples
macro-	long	Greek	μακρός (<i>makros</i>)	macron
magn-	great, large	Latin	<i>magnus</i>	magnanimous, magnificent, magnitude
maj-	greater	Latin	<i>major, majus</i>	majesty, majority, majuscule
mal-	bad, wretched,	Latin	<i>malus</i>	malfeasance, malicious, malignancy, malodorous
mamm-	breast	Latin	<i>mamma</i>	mammal, mammary gland
man-	flow	Latin	<i>mānāre, manatus</i>	emanate, emanationism, immanent, immanation
man-	stay	Latin	<i>manēre, mansus</i>	immanence, immanent, manse, permanence, permanent, remanence, remanent
mand-	hand	Latin	<i>mandāre, mandatus</i>	mandate, remand
mania	mental illness	Greek	μανία (<i>manīā</i>)	kleptomania, maniac
manu-	hand	Latin	<i>manus</i>	manual, manuscript
mar-	sea	Latin	<i>mare, maris</i>	marine, maritime
mater-, matr-	mother	Latin	<i>mater, matris</i>	maternity, matriarch, matrix
maxim-	greatest	Latin	<i>maximus</i>	maximum
medi-, -midi-	middle	Latin	<i>medius, mediare</i>	median, medieval
meg-	great, large	Greek	μέγας (<i>megas</i>)	megaphone
mei-	less	Greek	μῆϊον (<i>meiōn</i>)	meiosis
melan-	black, dark	Greek	μέλας (<i>melas</i>)	Melanesia, melanoma
melior-	better	Latin	<i>melior</i>	amelioration
mell-	honey	Latin	<i>mel, mellis</i>	mellifluous
memor-	remember	Latin	<i>memor</i>	memorial
mening-	membrane	Greek	μῆνιγξ (<i>meninx</i>)	meningitis
men-	month	Greek	μῆν (<i>mēn</i>)	menopause
menstru-	monthly	Latin	<i>menstruus</i>	menstruation, menstrual
mensur-	measure	Latin	<i>mensura</i>	commensurate
ment-	mind	Latin	<i>mens, mentis</i>	demented, mentality
mer-	part	Greek	μέρος (<i>meros</i>)	polymer
merc-	reward, wages, hire	Latin	<i>merx, mercis</i>	mercantile, merchant
merg-, mers-	dip, plunge	Latin	<i>mergere</i>	emerge, immersion
mes-	middle	Greek	μέσος (<i>mesos</i>)	mesolithic, mesozoic
meter-, metr-	measure	Greek	μέτρον (<i>metron</i>)	metric, thermometer
meta-	above, among, beyond	Greek	μετά (<i>meta</i>)	metaphor, metaphysics
mic-	grain	Latin	<i>mica</i>	micelle

micr-	small	Greek	μικρός (<i>mikros</i>)	microphone, microscope
migr-	wander	Latin	<i>migrare</i>	emigrant, migrate
milit-	soldier	Latin	<i>miles, militis</i>	military, militia
mill-	thousand	Latin	<i>mille</i>	millennium, million
millen-	thousand each	Latin	<i>milleni</i>	millenary
mim-	repeat	Greek	μίμος (<i>mimos</i>)	mime, mimic
min-	jut	Latin	<i>minere</i>	prominent
min-	less, smaller	Latin	<i>minor, minus</i>	minority, minuscule
mir-	wonder, amazement	Latin	miror, <i>mirari</i> , miratus sum	admire, miracle, mirror
mis-	hate	Greek	μῖσος (<i>misos</i>)	misandry, misogyny
misce-, mixt-	mix	Latin	<i>miscere, mixtus</i>	miscellaneous, mixture
mit-	thread	Greek	μίτος (<i>mitos</i>)	mitochondrion
mitt-, miss-	send	Latin	<i>mittere, missus</i>	intermittent, missionary, transmission
mne-	memory	Greek	μνήμη (<i>mnēmē</i>)	mnemonic
mol-	grind	Latin	<i>mola, molere, molitus</i>	molar
moll-	soft	Latin	<i>mollis</i>	emollient, mollify
mon-	one	Greek	μόνος (<i>monos</i>)	monism, monolith, monotone
monil-	string of beads	Latin	<i>monile</i>	Moniliformida
mont-	mountain	Latin	<i>mons, montis</i>	Montana
mord-	bite	Latin	<i>mordere, morsus</i>	mordacious, morsel, remorse
morph-	form, shape	Greek	μορφή (<i>morphē</i>)	anthropomorphism, morpheme, morphology
mort-	death	Latin	<i>mors, mortis</i>	immortal, mortality, mortuary
mov-, mot-	move, motion	Latin	<i>movere, motus</i>	mobile, momentum, motor, move
mulg-, muls-	milk	Latin	<i>mulgere</i>	emulsion
mult-	many, much	Latin	<i>multus</i>	multiple, multiplex, multitude
mur-	wall	Latin	<i>murus, muri</i>	immured, mural
mus-	thief	Latin	<i>mus, muris</i>	mouse
musc-	fly	Latin	<i>musca, muscae</i>	Muscicapidae, Muscidae
mut-	change	Latin	<i>mutare</i>	mutation
my-	mouse	Greek	μῦς (<i>mus</i>)	musophobia
myri-	countless, ten thousand	Greek	μυρίος (<i>myrios</i>)	myriad, myriapod
myrmec-	ant	Greek	μύρμηξ (<i>murmēx</i>)	myrmecoid, Myrmidons
myth-	story	Greek	μῦθος (<i>muthos</i>)	mythic, mythology
myx-	slime	Greek	μύξα (<i>muxa</i>)	Myxini
myz-	suck	Greek	μυζάω (<i>muzaō</i>)	<i>Myzopoda</i>

N

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nar-	nostril	Latin	<i>naris</i>	
narc-	numb	Greek	νάρκη (<i>narkē</i>)	narcosis, narcotic
narr-	tell	Latin	<i>narrare</i>	narrative
nas-	nose	Latin	<i>nasus</i>	nasal
nasc-, nat-	born	Latin	<i>nascere, natus</i>	nascent, native
naut-	ship	Greek	ναύτης (<i>nautes</i>)	Argonaut, astronaut
nav-	ship	Latin	<i>navis</i>	naval
ne-	new	Greek	νέος (<i>neos</i>)	neologism
necr-	dead	Greek	νεκρός (<i>nekros</i>)	necrophobia
nect-	swimming	Greek	νηκτός (<i>nēktos</i>)	nectopod
nect-, nex-	join, tie	Latin	<i>nectere, nexus</i>	connect, connexion
neg-	say no	Latin	<i>negare</i>	negative
nema-	hair	Greek	νήμα (<i>nēma</i>)	nematode
nemor-	grove, woods	Latin	<i>nemus, nemoris</i>	nemoral
nephr-	kidney	Greek	νεφρός (<i>nephros</i>)	nephritis
nes-	island	Greek	νήσος (<i>nēsos</i>)	Polynesia
neur-	nerve	Greek	νευρόν (<i>neurōn</i>)	neurology, neurosurgeon
nict-	wink	Latin	<i>nictari</i>	nictation
nigr-	black	Latin	<i>niger</i>	denigrate
nihil-	nothing	Latin	<i>nihilum</i>	annihilation
noct-	night	Latin	<i>nox, noctis</i>	noctambulist, nocturnal
nod-	knot	Latin	<i>nodus</i>	node, nodule
nom-	arrangement, law	Greek	νόμος (<i>nomos</i>)	autonomous, taxonomy
nomad-	those who let pasture herds	Greek	νομάς, νομάδος (<i>nomas, nomados</i>)	nomadic
nomin-	name	Latin	<i>nomen, nominis</i>	nomination
non-	not	Latin	<i>non</i>	none
non-	ninth	Latin	<i>nonus</i>	nonary
nonagen-	ninety each	Latin	<i>nonageni</i>	nonagenary
nonagesim-	ninetieth	Latin	<i>nonagesimus</i>	nonagesimal
not-	letter, note, paper	Latin	<i>notare</i>	annotation, notable
noth-	spurious	Greek	νόθος (<i>nothos</i>)	nothogenus
noto-	back, south	Greek	νότος (<i>notos</i>)	notochord
nov-	nine	Latin	<i>novem</i>	November, novennial
nov-	new	Latin	<i>novus</i>	innovation, nova
noven-	nine each	Latin	<i>noveni</i>	novenary
novendec-	nineteen	Latin	<i>novendecim</i>	
nox-, noc-	harmful	Latin	<i>noxa</i>	noxious

nu-	nod	Latin	<i>nuere</i>	innuendo
nub-	to marry, to wed	Latin	<i>nubes, nubis, nubere</i>	connubial, nubile
nuc-	nut	Latin	<i>nux, nucis</i>	nucleus
nuch-	back of neck	Latin	<i>nucha</i>	nuchal cord
nud-	naked	Latin	<i>nudus</i>	denude, nudity
null-	none	Latin	<i>nullus</i>	nullify
numer-	number	Latin	<i>numerus</i>	numeral
nunci-	announce	Latin	<i>nuntius</i>	pronunciation
nupti-		Latin		nuptial
nutri-	nourish	Latin	<i>nutrire</i>	nutrient

O

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ob-, o-, oc-, of-, og-, op-, os-	against	Latin	<i>ob</i>	obstinate, obstreperous, occur, offend, omit, oppose, ostentatious
oct-	eight	Greek	ὀκτώ (<i>oktō</i>)	octagon, octahedron, octode
oct-	eight	Latin	<i>octō</i>	octangular, octennial, octovir
octav-	eighth	Latin	<i>octāvus</i>	octaval
octogen-	eighty each	Latin	<i>octogeni</i>	octogenary
octogesim-	eightieth	Latin	<i>octogesimus</i>	octogesimal
octon-	eight each	Latin	<i>octoni</i>	octonary
ocul-	eye	Latin	<i>oculus, oculare</i>	ocular, oculus, ullage
od-	path, way	Greek	ὁδός (<i>hodos</i>)	anode, diode, odometer, pentode, tetrode, triode
od-	hate	Latin	<i>odium</i>	odious
odont-	tooth	Greek	ὀδούς, ὀδόντος (<i>odous, odontos</i>)	odontology
odor-	fragrant	Latin	<i>odor</i>	odorous
oeco-	house	Greek	οἶκος (<i>oikos</i>)	ecology
oed-	swollen	Greek	οἴδημα (<i>oidēma</i>)	oedema
oen-	wine	Greek	οἶνος (<i>oinos</i>)	oenology
oesophag-	gullet	Greek	οἰσοφάγος (<i>oisophagos</i>)	oesophagus
ogdo-	eighth	Greek	ὄγδοος (<i>ogdoos</i>)	ogdoad
-oid	like	Greek	-οειδής (- <i>oidēs</i>)	asteroid, mucoid, organoid
ole-	oil	Latin	<i>oleum</i>	oleosity
olecran-	skull of elbow	Latin from Greek	ὀλέκρανον (<i>olekranon</i>)	olecranon
olig-	few	Greek	ὀλίγος (<i>oligos</i>)	oligarchy
oliv-	olive	Latin	<i>oliva</i>	olivaceous, olivary, olivette
-oma	cancer	Greek	-ωμα	melanoma

omas-	paunch	Latin	<i>omasum</i>	omasum
oment-	fat skin	Latin	<i>omentum</i>	omental
omin-	creepy	Latin	<i>omen, ominis</i>	abominable, ominous
omm-	eye	Greek	ὄμμα (<i>omma</i>)	ommatidium
omni-	all	Latin	<i>omnis</i>	omnipotence, omnivore
omo-	shoulder	Latin		
omphal-	navel	Greek	ὀμφαλός (<i>omphalos</i>)	omphalectomy
oner-	burden	Latin	<i>onus, oneris</i>	exonerate, onerous
onom-	name	Greek	ὄνομα (<i>onoma</i>)	onomatopoeia
ont-	existing	Greek	ὄντος (<i>ontos</i>)	ontogeny, ontology
-onym	name	Greek	ὄνυμα (<i>onuma</i>)	antonym, pseudonym, synonym
oo-	egg	Greek	(<i>oion</i>)	oocyte
opac-	shady	Latin	<i>opacus</i>	opacity
oper-	work	Latin	<i>opus, operis</i>	inoperable, opera
opercul-	little cover	Latin	<i>operculum</i>	
ophi-	snake	Greek	ὄφις (<i>ophis</i>)	ophiophagy
ophthalm-	eye	Greek	ὄφθαλμός (<i>ophthalmos</i>)	ophthalmology
opisth-	behind	Greek	ὀπισθεν (<i>opisthen</i>)	opisthosoma, opsimath
opoter-	either	Greek	ὀπότερος (<i>hopoteros</i>)	
opt-	eye	Greek	ὀπτός (<i>optos</i>)	optical
opt-	choose	Latin	<i>optare</i>	adopt, optional
optim-	best	Latin	<i>optimus</i>	optimum
or-	mouth	Latin	<i>os, oris</i>	oral, orator
orb-	circle	Latin	<i>orbis</i>	orbit
orch-	testicle	Greek	ὄρχις (<i>orchis</i>)	orchid
ordin-	order	Latin	<i>ordō, ordinis</i>	ordinal, ordinary
organ-	organ, instrument, tool	Greek	ὄργανον (<i>organon</i>)	organism
ori-, ort-	eastern	Latin	<i>oriri, ortus</i>	orient
orn-	decorate	Latin	<i>ornāre</i>	adorn, ornament, ornate
ornith-	bird	Greek	ὄρνις (<i>ornis, ornithos</i>)	ornithology
orth-	straight	Greek	ὀρθός (<i>orthos</i>)	orthodontist, orthodoxy, orthosis
oscill-	swing	Latin	<i>oscillum</i>	oscillation
oss-	bone	Latin	<i>os, ossis</i>	ossification
osteo-	bone	Greek	ὀστοῦν (<i>ostoun</i>)	osteoporosis
osti-	entrance	Latin	<i>ostium</i>	ostiole
ostrac-	shell	Greek	ὄστρακον (<i>ostrakon</i>)	ostracism
ot-	ear	Greek	οὖς, ωτός (<i>ous, otos</i>)	otology
ov-	egg	Latin	<i>ovum</i>	oval, ovary, ovule
ovi-	sheep	Latin	<i>ovis</i>	ovine

oxy-	sharp, pointed	Greek	ὄξύς (<i>oxus</i>)	oxygen, oxymoron
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pac-	peace	Latin	<i>pax, pacis</i>	pacifism
pach-	thick	Greek	παχύς (<i>pachus</i>)	pachydermata, Pachypodium
paed-	child	Greek	παῖς, παιδός (<i>pais, paidos</i>)	paediatric
pagin-	page	Latin	<i>pagina</i>	pagination
pal-	stake	Latin	<i>palus</i>	impalement, pale
palae-, pale-	ancient, old	Greek	παλαιός (<i>palaios</i>)	paleontology
palin-	back	Greek	πάλιν (<i>palin</i>)	palindrome
pall-	be pale	Latin	<i>pallere</i>	pallid, pallor
palli-	mantle	Latin	<i>pallium</i>	pallium
palm-	palm	Latin	<i>palma</i>	palmate
palustr-	in marshes	Latin	<i>paluster</i>	palustral
pan-, pam-	all	Greek	πᾶς, παντός (<i>pas, pantos</i>)	pandemic
pand-, pans-	spread	Latin	<i>pandere, pansus</i>	expand, expansion
par(a)-	beside, near	Greek	παρά (<i>para</i>)	parallel, parameter
pariet-	wall	Latin	<i>paries, parietis</i>	parietal
part-	part	Latin	<i>pars, partis</i>	bipartite, partition
parthen-	maiden	Greek	παρθένος (<i>parthenos</i>)	parthenogenesis
parv-	little	Latin	<i>parvus</i>	parvovirus
pasc-, past-	feed	Latin	<i>pascere, pastus</i>	pasture, repast
pass-	pace, step	Latin	<i>passus</i>	
passer-	sparrow	Latin	<i>passer</i>	passeriform, passerine
pat-	be open	Latin	<i>patere</i>	patent
path-	feel, hurt	Greek	πάθος (<i>pathos</i>)	pathetic, pathology
pati-, pass-	suffer, feel, endure, permit	Latin	<i>pati, passus</i>	passive, patience
patr-	father	Greek	πατήρ, πατριά (<i>patēr, patria</i>)	patriarch
patr-	father	Latin	<i>pater, patris</i>	patrilocal
pauc-	few	Latin	<i>paucus</i>	paucal, pauciloquent, paucity
pav-		Latin	<i>pavire</i>	pavement
pecc-	sin	Latin	<i>peccare</i>	impeccable
pect-	fixed	Greek	πηκτός (<i>pēktos</i>)	pectic, pectin
pector-	chest	Latin	<i>pectus, pectoris</i>	pectoral
pecun-	money	Latin	<i>pecunia</i>	pecuniary
ped-	child	Greek	παῖς, παιδός (<i>pais, paidos</i>)	pedagogy
ped-	foot	Latin	<i>pes, pedis</i>	pedal, quadruped

pejor-	worse	Latin	<i>pejor</i>	pejorative
pell-, puls-	drive	Latin	<i>pellere, pulsus</i>	propellent, propulsor, repellent
pen-	almost	Latin	<i>paene</i>	peninsula, penultimate, penumbra
pend-, pens-	hang	Latin	<i>pendere</i>	suspend
penn-, pinn-	feather	Latin	<i>penna</i>	pennate, pinnate
pent-	five	Greek	πέντε (<i>pentē</i>)	pentagon, pentode, pentagrid
pentecost-	fiftieth	Greek	πεντηκοστός (<i>pentēkostos</i>)	pentecostalism
pept-	to digest	Greek	πέσσειν, πεπτός (<i>pessein, peptos</i>)	peptic, peptide
per-	thoroughly, through	Latin	<i>per</i>	perfection, permeate, persistence, pervade
peran-	across, beyond	Greek	πέραν (<i>peran</i>)	
peri-	around	Greek	περί (<i>peri</i>)	perimeter, peripheral, periscope
persic-	peach	Greek	περσικός (<i>persikos</i>)	
pessim-	worst	Latin	<i>pessimus</i>	pessimism
pet-	strive towards	Latin	<i>petere</i>	appetite, competition
petr-	rock	Greek	πέτρα (<i>petra</i>)	petroglyph
phae-	dark	Greek	φαιός (<i>phaios</i>)	phaeomelanin
phag-	eat	Greek	φαγεῖν (<i>phagein</i>)	sarcophagus
phalang-	close formation of troops, finger bones	Greek	φάλαγξ, φάλαγγος (<i>phalanx, phalangos</i>)	phalanges
phalar-	having a patch of white	Greek	φάλαρος (<i>phalāros</i>) ^[1]	phalarope
pharmac-	drug, medicine	Greek	φάρμακον (<i>pharmakon</i>)	pharmacy
phaner-	visible	Greek	φανερός (<i>phaneros</i>)	phanerozoic
pher-	bear, carry	Greek	φέρω (<i>pherō</i>)	pheromone
phil-, -phile	love, friendship	Greek	φιλέω (<i>phileō, philia</i>)	hydrophile, philosophy
phleg-	heat	Greek	φλέγω (<i>phlegō</i>)	phlegm, phlegmatics
phloe-	tree bark	Greek	φλοιός (<i>phloios</i>)	phlobaphene, phloem
phob-	fear	Greek	φόβος (<i>phobos</i>)	hydrophobia
phon-	sound	Greek	φωνή (<i>phōnē</i>)	homophone, microphone, phonograph
phor-	carry, bear	Greek	φόρος (<i>phoros</i>)	metaphor
phos-, phot-	light	Greek	φῶς, φωτός (<i>phōs, phōtos</i>)	phosphor, photograph
phragm-	fence	Greek	φράγμα (<i>phragma</i>)	diaphragm
phren-	diaphragm, mind	Greek	φρήν, φρενός (<i>phrēn, phrenos</i>)	phrenetic, schizophrenia
phryn-	toad, toad-like	Greek	φρύνη (<i>phrunē</i>)	Phrynobatrachus
phyl-	tribe	Greek	φύλον (<i>phulon</i>)	phylogenetics, phylum
phyll-	leaf	Greek	φύλλον (<i>phullon</i>)	chlorophyll, phyllotaxis
phys-	nature	Greek	φύσις (<i>phusis</i>)	physics
physalid-	bladder	Greek	φυσάλ(λ)ίς (<i>phusal(l)is</i>)	physalis
phyt-	plant	Greek	φυτόν (<i>phuton</i>)	neophyte, phytoplankton

pic-	pitch	Latin	<i>pix, picis</i>	
pil-	hair	Latin	<i>pilus</i>	depilatory, epilator
pin-	drink	Greek	<i>πίνειν (pinein)</i>	pinocytosis
pin-	pine	Latin	<i>pinus</i>	pineal gland
ping-, pict-	paint	Latin	<i>pingere, pictus</i>	depiction, picture
pingu-	fat	Latin	<i>pinguis</i>	Pinguicula
pir-	pear	Latin	<i>pirus</i>	piriformis muscle
pisc-	fish	Latin	<i>piscis</i>	Pisces, piscivore
pis-	pea	Greek	<i>πίσος (pisos)</i>	
plac-	plate, tablet	Greek	<i>πλάξ, πλακός (plax, plakos)</i>	
plac-	calm	Latin	<i>placare, placatus</i>	placate
plac-, -plic-	please	Latin	<i>placere, placitus</i>	placebo, placid
plagi-	oblique	Greek	<i>πλάγιος (plagios)</i>	plagioclase
plan-	flat	Latin	<i>planus</i>	explanation, planar, plane
plang-, planct-		Latin	<i>plangere, planctus</i>	plangent
plas-	mould	Greek	<i>πλάθω (plathō)</i>	plasma, plastic
platy-	flat, broad	Greek	<i>πλατύς (platus)</i>	platypus
plaud-, -plod-, plaus-, -plos-	approve, clap	Latin	<i>plaudere, plausus</i>	applaud, applause, explosion, implode, plaudits, plausible
ple-, plet-	fill	Latin	<i>plere</i>	complement, suppletion
pleb-	people	Latin	<i>plebs, plebis</i>	plebian, plebs
plec-	interwoven	Greek	<i>πλέκω (plekō)</i>	plectics, symplectomorphism
plect-, plex-	plait	Latin	<i>plectere, plexus</i>	perplex
plen-	full	Latin	<i>plenus</i>	plenary
plesti-	near	Greek	<i>πλησίος (plēsios)</i>	
pleth-	full	Greek	<i>πλήθος (plēthos)</i>	plethora
pleur-	side	Greek	<i>πλευρά (pleura)</i>	
plic-	fold	Latin	<i>plicare, plicatus</i>	duplication, replicate
plinth-	brick	Greek	<i>πλίνθος (plinthos)</i>	
plor-		Latin	<i>plorare</i>	implore
plu-	rain	Latin	<i>pluere</i>	
plum-	feather	Latin	<i>pluma</i>	plumage, plumate
plumb-	lead	Latin	<i>plumbum</i>	plumber
plur-	more	Latin	<i>pluris</i>	plural
plurim-	most	Latin	<i>plurimus</i>	
plus-	more	Latin	<i>plus</i>	surplus
plut-	wealth	Greek	<i>πλοῦτος (ploutos)</i>	plutocracy
pluvi-	rain	Latin	<i>pluvia</i>	pluvial
pneu-	air, lung	Greek	<i>πνεῦμα (pneuma)</i>	pneumatic
pod-	foot	Greek	<i>πούς, ποδός (pous, podos)</i>	podiatry, tripod

pogon-	beard	Greek	πώγων, πώγωνος (<i>pōgōn, pōgōnos</i>)	pogonotrophy
poie-	make	Greek	ποιέω (<i>poieō</i>)	poiesis
pol-	pole	Greek	πόλος (<i>polos</i>)	dipole, polar
pole-, poli-	city	Greek	πόλις (<i>polis</i>)	metropolis, politics
polem-	war	Greek	πόλεμος (<i>polemos</i>)	polemic
poli-	grey	Greek	πολιός (<i>polios</i>)	
pollic-	thumb	Latin	<i>pollex, pollicis</i>	
pollin-		Latin	<i>pollen, pollinis</i>	pollination
poly-	many	Greek	πολύς (<i>polus</i>)	polygon
pon-, posit-	put	Latin	<i>ponere, positus</i>	component, position, postpone
ponder-	weight	Latin	<i>pondus, ponderis</i>	preponderance
pont-	bridge	Latin	<i>pons, pontis</i>	pontoon
popul-	people	Latin	<i>populus, populare</i>	population
por-	passage	Greek	πόρος (<i>poros</i>)	pore
porc-	pig	Latin	<i>porcus</i>	porcine, pork
porphyr-	purple	Greek	πορφύρα (<i>porphura</i>)	porphyrin
port-	gate	Latin	<i>porta</i>	portal
port-	carry	Latin	<i>portare, portatus</i>	export, transportation
post-	after, behind	Latin	<i>post</i>	posterior, postscript
pot-	drink	Latin	<i>potus, potare</i>	potable
potam-	river	Greek	ποταμός (<i>potamos</i>)	hippopotamus, Mesopotamia
prasin-	leek-green	Greek	πράσινος (<i>prasinos</i>)	prasinous
prat-	meadow	Latin	<i>pratium</i>	
prav-	crooked	Latin	<i>pravus</i>	depravity
pre-	before	Latin	<i>prae</i>	previous
prec-	pray	Latin	<i>prex, precis, precāri</i>	deprecation
pred-		Latin	<i>praeda, praedari</i>	predator
prehend-, prend-, prehens-	grasp	Latin	<i>prehendere, prehensus</i>	comprehend
prem-, -prim-, press-	press	Latin	<i>premere, pressus</i>	pressure
presby-	old	Greek	πρέσβυς (<i>presbus</i>)	Presbyterianism
preter-	past	Latin	<i>praeter</i>	preterite, pretermission
preti-	price	Latin	<i>pretium, pretiare</i>	
prim-	first	Latin	<i>primus</i>	primary, primeval, primitive
prior-	former	Latin	<i>prior</i>	priority
priv(i)-	separate	Latin	<i>privus, privare, privatus</i>	deprivation, privilege
pro-	before, in front of	Greek	πρό (<i>pro</i>)	
pro-	for, forward	Latin	<i>pro</i>	propulsion
prob-	try	Latin	<i>probus, probare</i>	probation

proct-	anus	Greek	προκτός (<i>prōktos</i>)	proctology
propri-	one's own, ownership	Latin	<i>proprietas</i>	appropriate, property, propriety
pros-	forward	Greek	πρός (<i>pros</i>)	
prot-	first	Greek	πρῶτος (<i>prōtos</i>)	protoplasm
proxim-	nearest	Latin	<i>proximus, proximare</i>	approximate, proximity
prun-	plum	Latin	<i>prunus</i>	prune
psamma-	sand	Greek	ψάμμος (<i>psammos</i>)	
pseud-	false	Greek	ψευδής (<i>pseudēs</i>)	pseudonym
psil-	bare	Greek	ψιλός (<i>psilos</i>)	epsilon
psych-	mind	Greek	ψυχή (<i>psuchē</i>)	psycho
psychr-	cold	Greek	ψυχρός (<i>psuchros</i>)	
pter-	wing, fern	Greek	πτερόν (<i>pteron</i>)	helicopter
pto-	fall	Greek	πτῶσις (<i>ptōsis</i>)	ptosis
ptyal-	saliva	Greek	πτύον (<i>ptuon</i>)	
ptych-	fold, layer	Greek	πτύξ, πτυχή (<i>ptuchē</i>)	trptych
pub-	sexually mature	Latin	<i>pubes</i>	pubescent, pubic
public-		Latin	<i>publicus</i>	publication
pude-		Latin	<i>pudere</i>	impudent
pugn-	fight	Latin	<i>pugna, pugnare</i>	pugnacious, repugnant
pulchr-	beautiful	Latin	<i>pulcher, pulchri</i>	pulchritude
pulmon-	lung	Latin	<i>pulmo, pulmonis</i>	pulmonary
pulver-	dust	Latin	<i>pulvis, pulveris</i>	pulverize
pung-, punct-	prick	Latin	<i>pungere, punctus</i>	puncture, pungent
puni-	punish	Latin	<i>punire, punitus</i>	impunity, punitive
pup-	doll	Latin	<i>pupa</i>	pupa, puppet
pur-	pure	Latin	<i>purus</i>	impurity, purify
purg-	cleanse	Latin	<i>purgare</i>	expurgate, purgatory, purge
purpur-	purple	Latin	<i>purpura</i>	
put-	prune, reckon	Latin	<i>putāre</i>	compute, putative
pyg-	rump	Greek	πυγή (<i>pygē</i>)	pygostyle, callipygian
pyl-	gate	Greek	πυλῶν, πυλῶνος (<i>pylōn</i>)	pylon
pyr-	heat, fire	Greek	πῦρ, πυρός (<i>pur, puros</i>)	pyrolysis

Q

Root	Meaning in English	Origin language	Etymology (root origin)	English examples
quadr-	four	Latin	<i>quattuor</i>	quadrangle, quadrillion
quadragen-	forty each	Latin	<i>quadrageni</i>	quadragenary
quadragesim-	fortieth	Latin	<i>quadragesimus</i>	quadragesimal
quart-	fourth	Latin	<i>quartus</i>	quartary, quartile
quasi-	as if	Latin	<i>quasi</i>	quasar
quatern-	four each	Latin	<i>quaterni</i>	quaternary, quaternion
quati-, quass-	shake	Latin	<i>quaterere</i>	
quer-, -quir-, quesit-, -quisit-	search, seek	Latin	<i>quaerere</i>	Inquisition, query
qui-	rest	Latin	<i>quies</i>	quiet, requiem
quin-	five each	Latin	<i>quini</i>	quinary
quindecim-	fifteenth	Latin	<i>quindecimus</i>	quindecimal
quinden-	fifteen each	Latin	<i>quindenii</i>	quindenary
quinque-	five	Latin	<i>quinque</i>	quinquennium
quint-	fifth	Latin	<i>quintus</i>	quintary, quintile
quot-	how many, how great	Latin		quota, quotient

R

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rad-, ras-	scrape, shave	Latin	<i>radere, rarus</i>	abrade, abrasion, erasure
radi-	beam, spoke	Latin	<i>radius, radiare</i>	radiance, radiation
radic-	root	Latin	<i>rādx, rādīcis</i>	eradicate, radical
ram-	branch	Latin	<i>rāmus</i>	ramification, ramose
ran-	frog	Latin	<i>rana</i>	Rana
ranc-	rancidness, grudge, bitterness	Latin	<i>rancere</i>	rancid, rancor
rap-	turnip	Latin	<i>rapum</i>	rapeseed
raph-	seam	Greek	ῥαφή (<i>rhaphe</i>)	
rar-		Latin	<i>rarus</i>	rarity
rauc-	harsh, hoarse	Latin	<i>raucus</i>	raucous
re-, red-	again, back	Latin	<i>re-</i>	recede, redact
reg-, -rig-, rect-	straight	Latin	<i>regere, rectus</i>	dirigible, erect, erection, rectum
rem-	oar	Latin	<i>remus</i>	bireme, trireme
ren-	kidney	Latin	<i>renes</i>	renal
rep-, rept-	crawl, creep	Latin	<i>reperere, reptus</i>	reptile
ret-	net	Latin	<i>rete</i>	reticle, retina
retro-	backward, behind	Latin	<i>retro</i>	retrograde, retrospective, retrovirus
rhabd-	rod	Greek	ῥάβδος (<i>rhabdos</i>)	rhabdoid, rhabdom
rhach-, rach-	spine	Greek	ῥάχις, ῥάχεως (<i>rhachis</i>)	rhachiodont

rhag-	tear, rent	Greek	ῥαγίζω	rhagades
rhe-	flow	Greek	ῥεῖν (<i>rhein</i>)	rheostat
rhig-	chill	Greek	ῥίγος (<i>rhigos</i>)	rhigosaurus
rhin-	nose, snout	Greek	ῥίς, ῥινός (<i>rhis, rhinos</i>)	rhinoplasty
rhiz-	root	Greek	ῥίζα (<i>rhiza</i>)	rhizome
rhod-	rose	Greek	ῥόδον (<i>rhodon</i>)	rhododendron
rhomb-	spinning top	Greek	ῥόμβος (<i>rhombos</i>)	rhombus
rhynch-	snout	Greek	ῥύγχος	Rhynchobatus
rid-, ris-	laugh	Latin	<i>ridere, risus</i>	derision, ridicule
robor-	oak, strength	Latin	<i>robur, roboris</i>	corroboration
rod-, ros-	gnaw	Latin	<i>rodere, rosus</i>	corrode, erosion, rodent
rog-	ask	Latin	<i>rogare</i>	derogatory, interrogation
rostr-	beak, prow	Latin	<i>rostrum</i>	rostral, rostriform, rostrum
rot-	wheel	Latin	<i>rota, rotare</i>	rotation
ruber-, rubr-	red	Latin	<i>ruber</i>	rubric, ruby
rug-	wrinkle	Latin	<i>ruga, rugare</i>	corrugation
rumin-	throat	Latin	<i>rumen, ruminis</i>	ruminant
rump-, rupt-	break	Latin	<i>rumpere, ruptus</i>	eruption, rupture, interrupt
rur-	country	Latin	<i>rus, ruris</i>	rural

S

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sacchar-	sugar	Greek	σάκχαρον (<i>sakcharon</i>)	saccharin
sacr-, secr-	sacred	Latin	<i>sacer, sacrare</i>	consecrate, sacrament
sagac-	wise	Latin	<i>sagax, sagacis</i>	sagacity
sagitt-	arrow	Latin	<i>sagitta</i>	sagittal plane, Sagittaria
sal-	salt	Latin	<i>sal, salis, salere</i>	salinity
sali-, -sili-, salt-	jump	Latin	<i>salire, saltus</i>	resilient, salient, saltus
salic-	willow	Latin	<i>salix, salicis</i>	salicin
salv-	save	Latin	<i>salvus, salvare</i>	salvation
san-	healthy	Latin	<i>sanus</i>	insane, sanity
sanc-	holy	Latin	<i>sancire, sanctus</i>	sanctify, sanctuary
sanguin-	blood	Latin	<i>sanguis, sanguinis</i>	consanguinity, sanguine
sapi-, -sipi-	taste, wise	Latin	<i>sapere</i>	insipience, sapient
sapon-	soap	Latin	<i>sapo, saponis</i>	saponification
sarc-	flesh	Greek	σάρξ, σαρκός (<i>sarx, sarkos</i>)	sarcophagus
saur-	lizard, reptile	Greek	σαῦρος (<i>sauros</i>)	dinosaur

sax-	rock	Latin	<i>saxum</i>	
scab-	scratch	Latin	<i>scabere</i>	scabies
scal-	ladder, stairs	Latin	<i>scala</i>	scalar, scale
scalen-	uneven	Greek	σκαληνός (<i>skalēnos</i>)	scalene muscles, scalene triangle
scand-, -scend-, scans-, -scens-	climb	Latin	<i>scandere</i>	ascend, transcendent, descend
scaph-	anything hollow, bowl, ship	Greek	σκάφη, σκάφος	scaphoid bone
scel-	leg, thigh	Greek	σκέλος, σκέλεος (<i>skelos</i>)	isosceles
schem-	plan	Greek	σχῆμα (<i>schēma</i>)	schematic
schis-	split	Greek	σχίζω, σχίσμα (<i>schisma</i>)	schism
sci-	know	Latin	<i>scire</i>	prescient, science
scind-, sciss-	split	Latin	<i>scindere</i>	rescind, scissors
scler-	hard	Greek	σκληρός (<i>sklēros</i>)	scleroderma, sclerosis
scoli-	crooked	Greek	σκολιός (<i>skolios</i>)	scoliosis
scop-, scept-	look at, examine, view, observe	Greek	σκέπτομαι, σκοπός (skopos)	horoscope, kaleidoscope, stethoscope
scrib-, script-	write	Latin	<i>scribere, scriptus</i>	inscribe, scripture
sculp-	carve	Latin	<i>sculpere, sculptus</i>	sculpture
scut-	shield	Latin	<i>scutum</i>	scute
scyph-	cup	Greek	χούφτα (<i>chouphta</i>)	Scyphozoa
se-, sed-	apart	Latin	<i>se</i>	secede, sedition
seb-	tallow	Latin	<i>sebum</i>	sebaceous, sebum
sec-, sect-, seg-	cut	Latin	<i>secare</i>	secant, section, segment
sed-	settle, calm	Latin	<i>sedare, sedatus</i>	sedative
sed-, -sid-, sess-	sit	Latin	<i>sedere, sessus</i>	reside, sediment, session, supersede
sedec-	sixteen	Latin	<i>sedecim</i>	sedecimal
seget-	in cornfields	Latin	<i>segetum</i>	
sei-	shake	Greek	σειώ, σεισμός (<i>seismos</i>)	seismograph
selen-	moon	Greek	σελήνη (<i>selēnē</i>)	Selene, selenium
sell-	saddle, seat	Latin	<i>sella</i>	sella turcica
sema-	sign	Greek	σημα (<i>sēma</i>)	semantics, semaphore
semi-	half	Latin	<i>semis</i>	semifinal
semin-	seed	Latin	<i>semen, seminis</i>	insemination
sen-	old man	Latin	<i>senex, senis</i>	senator, senility
sen-	six each	Latin	<i>seni</i>	senary
senti-, sens-	feel	Latin	<i>sentire, sensus</i>	consensus, sentient
sept-	fence, partition, enclosure	Latin	<i>saeptum</i>	transept
sept-	seven	Latin	<i>septem</i>	septennial
septen-	seven each	Latin	<i>septeni</i>	septenary
septim-	seventh	Latin	<i>septimus</i>	septimal, septime

septuagen-	seventy each	Latin	<i>septuageni</i>	septuagenary
septuagesim-	seventieth	Latin	<i>septuagesimus</i>	septuagesima, septuagesimal
septuagint-	seventy	Latin	<i>septuaginta</i>	Septuagint
sequ-, secut-	follow	Latin	<i>sequere, secutus</i>	consecutive, sequence
ser-, sat-	cultivate	Latin	<i>serere, satus</i>	sative
ser-	body fluid	Latin	<i>serum</i>	serous
ser-	late	Latin	<i>serus</i>	serein, serotine
serp-	crawl, creep	Latin	<i>serpere, serptus</i>	serpent
serr-	saw, saw-toothed	Latin	<i>serra, serrare</i>	serration
serv-	save, protect, serve	Latin	<i>servare</i>	conservation
sesqui-	one and a half	Latin	<i>sesqui</i>	sesquicentennial
set-	bristle, hair	Latin	<i>saeta</i>	seta, setose
sever-	stern, strict, serious	Latin	<i>severus</i>	severity
sex-, se-	six	Latin	<i>sex</i>	semester, sexangle, sexennium
sexagen-	sixty each	Latin	<i>sexageni</i>	sexagenary
sexagesim-	sixtieth	Latin	<i>sexagesimus</i>	sexagesimal
sext-	sixth	Latin	<i>sextus</i>	sextant
sibil-	hiss	Latin	<i>sibilus, sibilare</i>	sibilance
sicc-	dry	Latin	<i>siccus</i>	desiccation
sider-	star	Latin	<i>sidus, sideris</i>	sidereal
sign-	sign	Latin	<i>signum</i>	design, designate, signal
sil-	quiet or still	Latin	<i>silere</i>	silence
silv(i)-	forest	Latin	<i>silva</i>	silviculture
simi-	ape, monkey	Latin	<i>simia</i>	simian
simil-	likeness, trust, group	Latin	<i>similis</i>	assimilate, similarity
simul-	imitating, feigning	Latin	<i>simulare</i>	simulation
singul-	one each	Latin	<i>singulus</i>	singular
sinistr-	left	Latin	<i>sinister, sinistri</i>	sinistral
sinu-	(to draw) a line	Latin	<i>sinuare</i>	insinuate
sinus-	hollow, bay	Latin	<i>sinus</i>	
siph(o)-	tube	Greek	<i>σίφων (siphōn)</i>	siphon
sist-	cause to stand	Latin	<i>sistere</i>	consist, persistence
sit-	food, grain, wheat	Greek	<i>σίτος (sitos)</i>	sitology
soci-	group	Latin	<i>socius, sociare</i>	associate, social
sol-	sun	Latin	<i>sol, solis</i>	solar
sol-	comfort, soothe	Latin	<i>solari</i>	consolation, solace
sol-	alone, only	Latin	<i>solus</i>	desolate, sole, solo, solipsism
solen-	pipe, channel	Greek	<i>σωλήν (sōlēn)</i>	solenoid
solv-, solut-	loosen, set free	Latin	<i>solvere, solutus</i>	dissolve, solution

soma-	body	Greek	σῶμα, σώματος (<i>sōma, sōmatos</i>)	somatic
somn-	sleep	Latin	<i>somnus</i>	insomnia
somni-	dream	Latin	<i>somnium</i>	
son-	sound	Latin	<i>sonus</i>	resonance
soph-	wise	Greek	σοφός (<i>sophos</i>)	sophist
sorb-, sorpt-	suck	Latin	<i>sorbere</i>	absorb, absorption
sord-	dirt	Latin	<i>sordes, sordere</i>	sordid
soror-	sister	Latin	<i>soror</i>	sorority
spati-	space	Latin	<i>spatium</i>	spatial
spec-, -spic-, spect-	look	Latin	<i>specere</i>	conspicuous, inspection, specimen
spect-	watch, look at	Latin	<i>spectare</i>	spectator
specul-	observe	Latin	<i>speculari</i>	speculation
sper-	hope	Latin	<i>spes, sperare</i>	desperation, esperance
sperm-	seed	Greek	σπέρμα (<i>sperma</i>)	angiosperm
sphen-	wedge	Greek	σφήν (<i>sphēn</i>)	
spher-	ball	Greek	σφαῖρα (<i>sphaira</i>)	sphere, spheroid
sphinct-	closing	Greek	σφίγγα	sphincter
spic-	spike	Latin	<i>spica</i>	spicule
spin-	thorn	Latin	<i>spina</i>	spine
spir-	breathe	Latin	<i>spirare</i>	respiration
spond-, spons-	a surety, guarantee; give assurance, promise solemnly	Latin	<i>spondere, sponsus</i>	respond
spondyl-	vertebra			
spu-, sput-	spew, spit	Latin	<i>spuere</i>	sputum
squal-	scaly, dirty, filthy	Latin	<i>squalere</i>	squalid, squalor
squam-	scale	Latin	<i>squama</i>	squamous
squarros-	spreading at tips	Latin		
st-	stand	Latin	<i>stare, status</i>	stable, station, statistic, statue, status
stagn-	pool of standing water	Latin	<i>stagnare</i>	stagnant
stalact-		Greek	σταλακτίτης (<i>stalaktitēs</i>)	stalactite
stalagm-		Greek	σταλαγμός (<i>stalagmos</i>)	stalagmite
stann-	tin	Latin	<i>stannum</i>	stannous
statu-, -stitu-	stand	Latin	<i>statuere</i>	institution, statute
stea-	fat, tallow	Greek	στέαρ, στέατος (<i>stear, steatos</i>)	stearic acid
steg-	covering	Greek		steganography
stell-	star	Latin	<i>stella</i>	constellation, stellar
sten-	narrow	Greek	στενός (<i>stenos</i>)	stenography
stere-	solid	Greek	στερεός (<i>stereos</i>)	

stern-, strat-	spread, strew	Latin	<i>sternere, stratus</i>	stratify
stern-	breastbone	Greek	στέρνον (<i>sternon</i>)	sternum
stich-	line, row	Greek	στίχος (<i>stichos</i>)	
stig-		Greek	στίγμα (<i>stigma</i>)	stigma
still-	drip	Latin	<i>stilla, stillare</i>	distillation
stimul-	goad, rouse, excite	Latin	<i>stimulus</i>	stimulate
stingu-, stinct-	apart	Latin	<i>stingere</i>	distinction, distinguish
stoch-	aim	Greek	στόχος	stochastic
stom-	mouth	Greek	στόμα (<i>stoma</i>)	stomatoplasty
strept-	twisted	Greek	στρεπτός (<i>streptos</i>)	
strig-	compress	Latin	<i>strix, strigis</i>	strigogyps
strigos-	having stiff bristles	Latin		
string-, strict-	upright, stiff	Latin	<i>stringere, strictus</i>	stringent
stroph-	turning	Greek	στροφή (<i>strophē</i>)	apostrophe
stru-, struct-	to make up, build	Latin	<i>struere, structus</i>	construction, construe
stud-	dedication	Latin	<i>studere</i>	student
stup-	wonder	Latin	<i>stupere</i>	stupor
styl-	column, pillar	Greek	στυλος (<i>stulos</i>)	stylus
su-, sut-	sew	Latin	<i>suere, sutus</i>	suture
sui-	self	Latin	<i>sui</i>	sui generis, suicide
suad-, suas-	urge	Latin	<i>suadere, suasus</i>	persuasion
suav-	sweet	Latin	<i>suavis</i>	suave
sub-, su-, suf-, sug-, sus-	below	Latin	<i>sub</i>	submerge, suffix, suggest
subter-	under	Latin	<i>subter</i>	subterfuge
sucr-	sugar	Latin		sucrose
sud-	sweat	Latin	<i>sudare</i>	sudoriferous
sulc-	furrow	Latin	<i>sulcus</i>	sulcus
sum-, sumpt-	take	Latin	<i>sumere, sumptus</i>	assumption, consume
super-	above, over	Latin	<i>super</i>	supersede
supin-	lying back	Latin	<i>supinus</i>	supination
supra-	above, over	Latin	<i>supra</i>	supranationalism
surd-	deaf	Latin	<i>surdus</i>	absurdity
surg-	rise	Latin	<i>surgere</i>	resurgent
syn-, sy-, syl-, sym-	with	Greek	σύν (<i>sun</i>)	symbol, symmetry, sympathy, synchronous, synonym, system
syring-	pipe	Greek	σύριγξ, σύριγγος (<i>syrinx, syringos</i>)	syringe

T

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tac-, -tic-	be silent	Latin	<i>tacere, tacitus</i>	reticent, tacit
tach-	swift	Greek	ταχύς (<i>tachus</i>)	tachometer, tachycardia
taeni-	ribbon	Greek	ταινία (<i>tainia</i>)	taenidium, taeniodont, Taeniolabis
tal-	ankle	Latin	<i>talus</i>	talus bone
tang-, -ting-, tact-, tag-	touch	Latin	<i>tangere, tactus</i>	contact, tactile, tangent
tapet-	carpet	Latin	<i>tapete, tapetis</i>	tapestry, tapetum, tapis
tard-	slow	Latin	<i>tardus</i>	retard, tardigrade, tardy
tars-	ankle	Greek	ταρσός (<i>tarsos</i> , a flat basket)	tarsal
taur-	bull	Greek	ταῦρος (<i>tauros</i>)	Minotaur
taur-	bull	Latin	<i>taurus</i>	Taurus
tax-	arrangement, order	Greek	τάξις (<i>taxis</i>)	taxonomy
techn-	art, skill	Greek	τέχνη (<i>technē</i>)	technology
teg-, tect-	cover	Latin	<i>tegere, tectus</i>	integument, protection
tele-	far, end	Greek	τῆλε (<i>tēle</i>)	telegram, telephone, telescope
tele-	complete	Greek	τέλος (<i>telos</i>)	teleology
temn-	cut	Greek	τέμνω (<i>temnō</i>)	Temnospondyli
tempor-	time	Latin	<i>tempus, temporis</i>	contemporary, temporal, temporary
ten-, -tin-, tent-	hold	Latin	<i>tenere, tentus</i>	continent, detention, tenacious, tenor
tend-, tens-	stretch, strain	Latin	<i>tendere, tensus</i>	extend, extension
tenu-	slender, thin	Latin	<i>tenuis</i>	attenuate, tenuous
tep-	be warm	Latin	<i>tepere</i>	tepid, tepor
ter-, trit-	rub	Latin	<i>terere, tritus</i>	attrition, contrite, detritus, trite
teret-	rounded	Latin	<i>teres, teretis</i>	subterete, teretial
terg-, ters-	wipe	Latin	<i>tergere, tersus</i>	detergent, terse
termin-	boundary, limit, end	Latin	<i>terminus</i>	determine, terminal, termination
tern-	three each	Latin	<i>terni</i>	ternary, ternion
terr-	dry land	Latin	<i>terra</i>	subterranean, terrace, terracotta, terrain
terti-	third	Latin	<i>tertius</i>	tertian, tertiary
test-	witness	Latin	<i>testis</i>	testament, testimony
tetr-	four	Greek	τέσσαρες (<i>tessares</i>)	tetrahedron, tetrode
tex-, text-	weave	Latin	<i>texere, textus</i>	context, texture, textile
thalam-	chamber, bed	Greek	θάλαμος (<i>thamos</i>)	
thalass-	sea	Greek	θάλασσα (<i>thalassa</i>)	Panthalassa
than-	death	Greek	θάνατος (<i>thanatos</i>)	euthanasia
the-, thus-	god	Greek	θεός (<i>theos</i>)	enthusiasm, theology
the-	put	Greek	τίθημι (<i>tithēmi</i>), θήκη (<i>thēkē</i>)	Bibliotheca, theca, theme, thesis
thel-		Greek	θηλή (<i>thēlē</i>)	

theori-	speculation	Greek	θεωρία (<i>theōria</i>)	theorem, theory
ther-	beast, animal	Greek	θήρ, θηρός (<i>thēr</i>)	theroid, theropod
therm-	heat, warm	Greek	θερμός (<i>thermos</i>)	endotherm, thermometer
thym-	mood	Greek	θυμός (<i>thumos</i>)	dysthymia
thyr-	door	Greek	θύρα (<i>thura</i>)	thyatron
thyre-	large shield	Greek	θυρεός (<i>thureos</i>)	Thyreophora, thyroid, thyrotropin, thyroxine
tim-	be afraid	Latin	<i>timere</i>	timid, timorous
ting-, tinct-	moisten	Latin	<i>tingere, tinctus</i>	tincture
tom-	cut	Greek	τομή (<i>tome</i>), τόμος (<i>tomos</i>)	ectomy, atom, tome
ton-	stretch	Greek	τόνος (<i>tonos</i>)	isotonic, monotone, tone
top-	place	Greek	τόπος (<i>topos</i>)	topic, topography
torn-	cut	Latin from Greek	torrare < τόρνος (<i>tornos</i>)	
torpe-	numb	Latin	<i>torpere</i>	torpent, torpid, torpor
torqu-, tort-	twist	Latin	<i>torquere, tortus</i>	extortion, torque, torture
tot-	all, whole	Latin	<i>totus</i>	subtotal, total, totality
tox-	arrow, bow	Greek	τόξον (<i>toxon</i>)	
trab-	beam	Latin	<i>trabs, trabis</i>	trabeculae
trachy-	rough	Greek	τραχύς (<i>trachus</i>)	trachea
trag-	goat	Greek	τράγος (<i>tragos</i>)	tragus
trah-, tract-	draw, pull	Latin	<i>trahere, tractus</i>	subtrahend, tractor
trans-, tra-, tran-	across	Latin	<i>trans</i>	tradition, transcend, transportation
trapez-	four-sided, table	Greek	τράπεζα (<i>trapeza</i>)	trapezium, trapezoid
traum-	wound	Greek	τραῦμα (<i>trauma</i>)	trauma, traumatic
trecent-	three hundred	Latin	<i>trecenti</i>	trecentennial, trecentillion
tredec-	thirteen	Latin	<i>tredecim</i>	tredecimal
treiskaidek-	thirteen	Greek	τρεισκαίδεκα (<i>treiskaideka</i>)	triskaidekaphobia
trem-	tremble	Latin	<i>tremere</i>	tremor
trema-	hole	Greek	τρήμα (<i>trēma</i>)	trematode
tri-	three	Greek	τρεῖς, τρία (<i>treis, tria</i>)	triad, trigon, triode, tripod
tri-	three	Latin	<i>trēs</i>	triangle, triumvirate, trivia
tricen-	thirty each	Latin	<i>triceni</i>	tricenary
tricesim-, trigesim-	thirtieth	Latin	<i>tricesimus</i>	trigesimal
trich-	hair	Greek	θρίξ, τριχός (<i>thrix, trichos</i>)	peritrichous, trichopathophobia, Trichoptera
trin-	three each	Latin	<i>trini</i>	trinary, trine, trinity
trit-	third	Greek	τρίτος (<i>tritos</i>)	tritagonist
troch-	wheel	Greek	τροχός (<i>trochos</i>)	trochlea
trop-	turning	Greek	τρόπος (<i>tropos</i>)	heliotropism, psychotropic, tropic
troph-	feed, grow	Greek	τροφή, τροφός (<i>trophos</i>)	dystrophy, pogonotrophy, trophic
trud-, trus-	thrust	Latin	<i>trudere, trusus</i>	extrusion, intrude

tuss-	cough	Latin	<i>tussis, tussire</i>	pertussis
tympan-	drum	Greek	τύμπανον (<i>tumpanon</i>)	tympani
typ-	stamp, model	Greek	τύπος (<i>typos</i>)	archetype, phenotype, typography

U

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uber-	fruitful	Latin	<i>uber, uberare</i>	exuberant
uligin-	in marshes	Latin	<i>uligo, uliginis</i>	uliginous
ulo-	wooly	Greek		
ultim-	farthest	Latin	<i>ultimus</i>	ultimatum, ultimate
ultra-	beyond	Latin	<i>ultra</i>	ultrasonic
umbilic-	navel	Latin	<i>umbilicus</i>	umbilical
umbr-	shade, shadow	Latin	<i>umbra</i>	penumbra, umbrella
un-	one	Latin	<i>unus, unius</i>	unary, unicorn, union
unc-	hooked	Latin	<i>uncus</i>	uncinate
unci-	ounce, twelfth	Latin	<i>uncia</i>	uncial
und-	wave	Latin	<i>unda</i>	abundant, undulate
undecim-	eleventh	Latin	<i>undecimus</i>	undecimal
unden-	eleven each	Latin	<i>undeni</i>	undenary
ungui-	claw, nail	Latin	<i>unguis</i>	
ungul-	claw, hoof	Latin	<i>ungula</i>	ungulate
ur-, uro-	tail	Greek	οὐρά (<i>oura</i>)	uroid, uroborus
ur-, uro-	urine	Greek	οὔρον (<i>ouron</i>)	urology
urb-	city	Latin	<i>urbs, urbis</i>	urban, urbanize, suburbanite, urbanism
urg-	work	Latin	<i>urgere</i>	urgent
urs-	bear	Latin	<i>ursus</i>	Ursa Major, ursine
ut-, us-	use	Latin	<i>uti, usus</i>	usual, utility
uv-	grape	Latin	<i>uva</i>	uvea
uxor-	wife	Latin	<i>uxor</i>	uxoricide

V

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vac-	empty	Latin	<i>vacare</i>	vacancy, vacation, vacuum
vad-, vas-	go	Latin	<i>vadere</i>	evade, pervasive
vag-	wander	Latin	<i>vagus, vagare</i>	vagabond, vague
van-	empty, vain, idle	Latin	<i>vanus</i>	vanity
vap-	lack (of)	Latin	<i>vapor</i>	evaporation, vapid, vaporize
veh-, vect-	carry	Latin	<i>vehere, vectus</i>	vehicle, vector
vel-	veil	Latin	<i>velum</i>	revelation, velate
vell-, vuls-	pull	Latin	<i>vellere, vulsus</i>	convulsion
veloc-	quick	Latin	<i>velox, velocis</i>	velocity
ven-	vein	Latin	<i>vena</i>	venosity
ven-	hunt	Latin	<i>venari</i>	venison
ven-, vent-	come	Latin	<i>venire</i>	advent, convention
vend-	sell	Latin	<i>vendere</i>	vendor, vending
vener-	respectful	Latin	<i>venus</i>	veneration, venereal
vent-	wind	Latin	<i>ventus</i>	ventilation
ventr-	belly	Latin	<i>venter</i>	ventral
ver-	true	Latin	<i>verus</i>	aver, veracious, verify, verisimilitude, verity
verb-	word	Latin	<i>verbum</i>	verbal, verbatim, verbosity
verber-	whip	Latin	<i>verber</i>	reverberation
verm-	worm	Latin	<i>vermis</i>	vermiform
vern-	spring	Latin	<i>ver, vernus</i>	vernal
vert-, vers-	turn	Latin	<i>vertere, versus</i>	convert, inversion, invert, vertical
vesic-	bladder	Latin	<i>vesica</i>	vesical
vesper-	evening, western	Latin	<i>vespera</i>	vesperal
vest-	clothe, garment	Latin	<i>vestis</i>	divest, vest
vestig-	track	Latin	<i>vestigium</i>	investigate
vet-	forbid	Latin	<i>vetare</i>	veto
veter-	old	Latin	<i>vetus, veteris</i>	inveterate, veteran
vi-	way	Latin	<i>via</i>	deviate, obvious, via
vic-	change	Latin	<i>vicis</i>	vice versa, vicissitude
vicen-, vigen-	twenty	Latin	<i>viceni</i>	vicenary
vicesim-, vigesim-	twentieth	Latin	<i>vicesimus</i>	vicesimary, vicesimation, vigesimal
vid-, vis-	see	Latin	<i>videre, visus</i>	video, vision
vil-	cheap	Latin	<i>vilis</i>	vile, vilify
vill-	shaggy hair, velvet	Latin	<i>villus</i>	villiform
vin-	wine	Latin	<i>vinum</i>	vinous
vinc-, vict-	conquer	Latin	<i>vincere, victus</i>	invincible, victory
vir-	man	Latin	<i>vir</i>	virility

vir-	green	Latin	<i>virere</i>	virid, viridian
visc-	thick	Latin	<i>viscum</i>	viscosity
viscer-	organs of the body cavity	Latin	<i>viscus, visceris</i>	eviscerate, visceral
vit-	life	Latin	<i>vita</i>	vital, vitamin
vitell-	yolk	Latin	<i>vitellus</i>	vitellogenesis
viti-	fault	Latin	<i>vitium</i>	vice, vitiate
vitri-	glass	Latin	<i>vitrum</i>	vitreous
viv-	live	Latin	<i>vivere</i>	revive, survive, vivid
voc-	voice	Latin	<i>vox, vocis</i>	provocative, vocal, vocation
vol-	fly	Latin	<i>volare</i>	volatility
vol-	wish	Latin	<i>velle</i>	volition
volv-, volut-	roll	Latin	<i>volvere, volutus</i>	convolution, revolve
vom-	discharge	Latin	<i>vomere</i>	vomit
vor-, vorac-	swallow	Latin	<i>vorare, vorax</i>	devour, voracious
vov-, vot-	vow	Latin	<i>vovere, votus</i>	votive
vulg-	common, crowd	Latin	<i>vulgus</i>	divulge, vulgarity, vulgate
vulner-	wound	Latin	<i>vulnus, vulneris</i>	vulnerable
vulp-	fox	Latin	<i>vulpes, vulpis</i>	vulpine

X

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xanth-	yellow	Greek	ξανθος (<i>xanthos</i>)	xanthogenic
xen-	foreign	Greek	ξένος (<i>xenos</i>)	xenophobia
xer-	dry	Greek	ξηρός (<i>xēros</i>)	xerography, xerophyte
xiph-	sword	Greek	ξίφος (<i>xiphos</i>)	xiphoid
xyl-	wood	Greek	ξύλον (<i>xulon</i>)	xylem, xylophone

Z

Root	Meaning in English	Origin language	Etymology (root origin)	English examples
zo-	animal, living being	Greek	ζῷον (<i>zōion</i>)	protozoa, zoo, zoology
zon-	belt, girdle	Greek	ζώνη (<i>zōnē</i>)	zone
zyg-	yoke	Greek	ζυγός (<i>zugon</i>)	heterozygous, zygote
zym-	ferment	Greek	ζύμη (<i>zumē</i>)	enzyme, lysozyme

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