

Basic List of Word Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes

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Root	Meaning	Sample Word
arch	chief, primary or first	archetype
archaeo	ancient/primitive	archaeology
aster/astra	star	astronomy
audi	hear	audible
bene	good/well	benefit
bio	life	biology
brev	short	abbreviation
chloro	green	chlorophyll
chrono	time	chronology
derm	skin	dermatologist
dic/dict	speak	dictionary
fer	carry	transfer
fix	fasten	affix
gen	birth	generate
geo	earth	geography
graph	write	graphic
hemo	blood	hemoglobin
herb	plants	herbaceous
hydro	water	hydrate
jur/just	law	jury
log/logue	word/thought	dialogue
luc	light	lucid
manu	hand	manual
meter/mettr	measure	thermometer
neg	no	negate
ocu	eye	ocular
olig	few	oligarchy
op/oper	work	operation
osteo	bone	osteoporosis
path	feeling	sympathy
ped	child	pediatrics
phil	love	philosophy

phys	body/nature	physical
pod	foot	podiatrist
proto	first	prototype
pseudo	false	pseudonym
scrib/script	write	scribble
sect	cut	dissect
sol	alone	solitary
struct	build	construct
tact	touch	contact
tele	far off	telephone
ter/terr	earth	territory
vac	empty	vacant
ver	truth	verify
verb	word	verbal
vid/vis	see	video

Greek and Latin Prefixes-/-Suffixes*

Prefix/Suffix	Meaning	Sample Word
ad-	to	addict
-al	relating to	maternal
ambi-	both	ambidextrous
ante-	before	antecedent
anti-	against	antifreeze
-arium	place of	aquarium
auto-	self	autobiography
centi-	hundred	centimeter
circum-	around	circumvent
con-	with	concert
de-	from/down	depart
deci-	ten	decimeter
di-	two	diameter
dis-	opposite	disable
-dom	quality/state	freedom
ex-	out	exit
hetero-	different	heterogeneous
hypo-	too little	hypoactive

-ic	relating to	poetic
-ile	quality/state	juvenile
in-	not	invalid
inter-	between	interstate
intra-	within	intramurals
-ism	quality/state	catholicism
-ist	one who practices	biologist
macro-	large	macrobiologist
micro-	small	microbiologist
milli-	thousand	millipede
mis-	bad	miscarriage
mono-	single	monotheism
nano-	billion	nanosecond
neo-	new	neonatology
-ology	study of	biology
omni-	all	omniscient
-ous	quality/state	nebulous
pan-	all	pantheon
per-	throughout	pervade
peri-	all around	periscope
poly-	many	polygon
post-	after	postpone
pre-	before	precede
pro-	forward	progress
re-	again	reappear
retro-	back	retrogress
sub-	under	submarine
super-	more than	supermarket
sym-	together	symbol
-tion	quality/state	preservation
-ular	relating to	cellular
un-	not	unwilling