

*Common Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes*

Root	Meaning	Examples
act	do	action, actor, react, transact, enact
aud	hear	audience, auditorium, audible, audition
cred	believe	credit, discredit, incredible, credulous
dic	speak	dictate, predict, contradict, verdict, diction
graph	write	autograph, paragraph, phonograph, photograph, telegraph
loc	place	allocate, dislocate, locate, location
man	hand	manual, manufacture, manuscript, manipulate
mot	move	demote, motion, motor, promote
ped	foot	pedal, pedestrian, pedestal
pop	people	population, popular, populace
port	carry	import, export, portable, porter, transport
sign	mark	insignia, signal, significant, signature
spec	see	inspect, respect, spectacle, spectator, suspect
tract	pull, drag	attract, detract, contract, subtract, traction, tractor
vid	see	evidence, video, provide, providence
volve	roll	evolve, involve, revolve, revolver, revolution

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
ad-	to	adapt, addict, adhere, admit
amphi-	both, around	amphibian, amphitheater
an-	not	anarchy, anesthesia, anorexia, anonymous
auto-	self	automobile, automatic, autograph, autobiography
co-	together	coauthor, cognate, coincide, cooperate, coordinate
de-	opposite	deactivate, deform, degrade, deplete, descend
dis-	opposite	disagree, disarm, discontinue, disgust, dishonest
for-	not	forbid, forget, forego
il-	not	illegal, illegible, illegitimate, illiterate, illogical
im-	into	immediate, immerse, immigrate, implant, import
im-	not	imbalance, immaculate, immature, immobilize, impossible
in-	not	inaccurate, inactive, inadvertent, incognito, indecisive
ir-	not	irregular, irreconcilable, irredeemable, irresponsible
mal-	bad	maladjusted, malaise, malevolent, malfunction, malice
pro-	before	prognosis, progeny, program, prologue, prophet
pro-	forward	proceed, produce, proficient, progress, project
re-	again	redo, rewrite, reappear, repaint, relive
re-	back	recall, recede, reflect, repay, retract
sub-	under	subcontract, subject, submarine, submerge, subordinate, subterranean
trans-	across	transatlantic, transcend, transcribe, transfer, translate
un-	not	unable, uncomfortable, uncertain, unhappy

Suffix	Meaning	Examples
-ade	action or process	blockade, escapade, parade
-age	action or process	marriage, pilgrimage, voyage
-ant	one who	assistant, immigrant, merchant, servant
-cle	small	corpuscle, cubicle, particle
-dom	state or quality of	boredom, freedom, martyrdom, wisdom
-ent	one who	resident, regent, superintendent
-ful	full of	careful, fearful, joyful, thoughtful
-ic	relating to	comic, historic, poetic, public
-less	without	ageless, careless, thoughtless, tireless
-let	small	islet, leaflet, owlet, rivulet, starlet
-ly	resembling	fatherly, motherly, scholarly
-ly	every	daily, weekly, monthly, yearly
-ment	action or process	development, embezzlement, government
-ment	action or quality of	amusement, amazement, predicament
-ment	product or thing	fragment, instrument, ornament
-or	one who	actor, auditor, doctor, donor

*More Roots*

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aero	air	aerobics, aerodynamics, aeronautics, aerate
agr	field	agriculture, agrarian, agronomy
alt	high	altitude, altimeter, alto
alter	other	alternate, alternative, altercation
ambul	walk, go	ambulance, amble, ambulatory, preamble
amo, ami	love	amiable, amorous, amity
ang	bend	angle, angular, rectangle, triangle
anim	life, spirit	animate, animosity, animal
ann, enn	year	annual, anniversary, annuity, biennial
anthro	man	anthropology, anthropoid, misanthrope, philanthropist
apt, ept	suitable	adept, apt, aptitude, inept
ast	star	astronaut, astronomy, disaster, asterisk
belli	war	bellicose, belligerent, rebellion
biblio	book	Bible, bibliography, bibliophile
bio	life	biology, biography, biopsy
brev	shorten	abbreviate, abbreviation, brevity
cad, cas	fall	cadaver, cadence, cascade, decadence
cam	field	camp, campus, campaign, encamp
cap	head	cap, captain, capital, decapitate
cardi	heart	cardiac, cardiology
cede, ceed	go, yield	concede, exceed, proceed, succeed
ceive, cept	take, receive	accept, conception, exception, receive, reception
centr	center	central, eccentric, egocentric
cert	sure	ascertain, certain, certify, certificate
chron	time	chronic, chronicle, chronological, synchronize

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cip	take, receive	incipient, participate, recipe, recipient
claim, clam	shout	acclaim, clamor, exclaim, proclaim
clar	clear	clarify, clarity, declaration, declare
cline	lean	decline, inclination, incline, recline
clud	shut	conclude, exclude, include, preclude, seclude
cogn	know	cognate, cognition, incognito, recognize
cord	heart	accord, concord, cordial, discord
cosm	universe	cosmonaut, cosmos, cosmopolitan, microcosm
crat	rule	aristocrat, autocratic, bureaucracy, democrat
cred	believe	credit, credulous, discredit, incredible
cur	care	curable, cure, manicure, pedicure
cur	run	concur, current, excursion, occur, recur
cycle	circle	cycle, cyclone, bicycle, recycle
dem	people	democrat, demagoguery, epidemic
div	divide, part	divide, dividend, division, divorce
doc	teach	docile, doctor, doctrine, document
don	give	donate, donation, donor, predominate
duc	lead, carry	aqueduct, conduct, deduct, duct, educate, induct
fac	do, make	benefactor, factory, facsimile, manufacture
fer	bear, carry	conifer, ferry, infer, refer, transfer
fic	make	efficient, proficient, sufficient
fig	form	configuration, disfigure, effigy, figment, figure
firm	tightly fixed	affirm, confirm, firmly, firmament, reaffirm
flect	bend	deflect, inflection, reflection
form	shape	deform, form, reform, transformation, uniformity
fug	flee	centrifuge, fugitive, refuge, refugee
gen	birth	generate, generation, genealogy
grad	step	grade, gradual, graduation
gram	letter	diagram, epigram, grammar, monogram
grat	pleasing	congratulations, grateful, gratitude, ungrateful
greg	gather	aggregate, congregation, gregarious, segregation

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hab, hib	hold	exhibit, habit, habitat, habitual, prohibit
hosp, host	host	hospice, hospital, hospitality, hostess, host
hydr	water	dehydrate, hydrant, hydrogen
imag	like, likeness	image, imagine, imaginary, imagery, imagination
init	beginning	initial, initiate, initiative
junct	join	adjunct, conjunction, injunction, juncture
jud, jur, jus	law	judge, jury, justice
lab	work	collaborate, elaborate, labor, laboratory
lat	carry	collate, relate, translate
log	word	apology, dialogue, eulogy, monologue, prologue
luc, lum	light	elucidate, lucid, translucent, illuminate, luminescent
lust	shine	illustrate, illustrious, luster
mar	sea	marine, maritime, mariner, submarine
mem	mindful of	commemorate, memory, memorial, remember
merge, mers	dip	emerge, merge, merger, submerge, immerse
meter	measure	barometer, centimeter, diameter, thermometer
migr	move	emigrate, immigrate, immigrant, migrate
mim	same	mime, mimic, mimeograph, pantomime
min	small	mini, minimize, minor, minute
miss, mit	send	dismiss, missile, mission, remit, submit
mob	move	automobile, mobile, mobilize, mobility
mort	death	immortal, mortal, mortician
mut	change	commute, immutable, mutual, mutation
narr	tell	narrate, narrative, narrator
neo	new	neonatal, neophyte, neoclassic
not	mark	denote, notable, notation, notice
noun, nun	declare, state	announce, denounce, enunciate, pronounce
nov	new	innovate, nova, novel, novelty, novice
onym	name	antonym, homonym, pseudonym, synonym
opt	eye	optic, optician, optical, optometrist
opt	best	optimal, optimist, optimize, optimum

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ord	row, lined up	extraordinary, order, ordinary, ordinal, ordinance
path	feeling	antipathy, empathy, pathology, sympathy
pel	drive	compel, expel, propel, repel
pend	hang	append, appendix, pendulum, suspend
phon	sound	microphone, phonics, phonograph, symphony
phys	nature	physical, physician, physique
plex, plic	fold	complex, duplex, perplex, complicate, duplicate, implicate
plur	more	plural, pluralism, plurality, pluralistic
pod	foot	podiatrist, podium, tripod
poli	city	cosmopolitan, metropolis, police, political
pon, pos	place	exponent, opponent, postpone, proponent, compose, depose, deposit, position
pug	fight	impugn, pugnacious, pugilist, repugnant
pul	urge	compulsion, compulsory, expulsion, repulse
quer, ques, quir	ask	query, inquiry, inquest, quest, question, request
ras	scrape	abrasive, erase, rasp, razor
rect	straight	correct, direct, direction, director, erect, rectify
reg	guide	regal, regent, regulate, regulatory
rid	laugh	deride, derisive, ridicule, ridiculous
rupt	break	abrupt, bankrupt, erupt, interrupt, rupture
san	health	insane, insanity, sane, sanitary, sanitarium
scend	climb	ascend, descend, descendent, transcend
sci	know	conscience, conscious, omniscient, science
scop	see	microscope, periscope, scope, stethoscope, telescope
scribe, script	write	describe, inscribe, prescribe, scribe, descript, script, transcript
sect	cut	dissect, intersect, sect, section
sed	settle	sedate, sedative, sedentary, sediment
sens, sent	feel	sensation, sense, sensitive, sensible, sensory, assent, consent, dissent, sentimental
serv	save	conserve, preserve, reserve, reservoir

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sim	like	similar, simile, simulate, simultaneous
sist	stand	assist, consist, resist, subsist
sol	alone	desolate, solitary, soliloquy, solo
solve	loosen	absolve, dissolve, resolve, solve, solvent
soph	wise	philosopher, sophisticated, sophomore
spir	breathe	conspire, conspirator, inspire, perspire, respiration
sta	stand	stagnate, station, stationary, statue, status
strict	make tight	constrict, restrict, strict
struct	build	construct, destruct, destruction, instruct, instruction, structure
sum	highest	sum, summary, summit, summons
surg, surr	rise	insurgent, resurgent, surge, insurrection, resurrect
tact	touch	contact, intact, tact, tactile
tain	hold	attain, contain, detain, retain
ten	stretch	tendency, tense, tension, tent
term	end	determine, exterminate, term, terminal, terminate
tex	weave	context, text, textile, texture
the	god	atheism, monotheism, polytheism, theology
therm	heat	thermal, thermometer, thermos
tort	twist	contort, retort, tort, torture
trib	give	attribute, contribute, tribute
trud, trus	push	intrude, intruder, protrude, abstruse, intrusive
turb	confusion	disturb, perturb, turbulent
urb	city	urban, suburb, suburban
vac	empty	evacuate, vacate, vacant, vacation, vacuum
var	different	invariable, variant, variety, vary
ven	come	advent, convent, convene, convention, invent, venue
ver	truth	aver, veracity, verdict, verify
voc	voice	advocate, convocation, evocation, vocal
vol	will	benevolent, malevolent, volition, voluntary, volunteer
vor	eat	carnivorous, herbivore, omnivore, voracious