

# Greek and Latin Morphemes-Roots

	Root	Meaning	Word
	<b>act</b>	to act	reaction
	<b>acu, acr, ac</b>	needle	acupuncture
	<b>aer</b>	lower air	aerobic, aerodynamic
	<b>aesth</b>	feeling	aesthetics
	<b>agog</b>	leader	demagogue
	<b>alt</b>	high	altitude
	<b>anima, anim</b>	life, mind	animated
	<b>ann, enn</b>	year	anniversary
Greek	<b>anthrop</b>	man	anthropology
	<b>aqua</b>	water	aqua duct
	<b>arbitr, arbiter</b>	to judge, consider	arbitrator
Greek	<b>arch, archi</b>	govern	monarch, architect
	<b>arm</b>	army, weapon	astronomy
	<b>art</b>	craft, skill	artist
Greek	<b>arthr, art</b>	segment, joint	arthritis
	<b>astr</b>	star	astronomy
	<b>athl</b>	prize	decathalon
	<b>aud</b>	to hear	auditory
	<b>bal</b>	throw	ball,
	<b>bar</b>	weight, pressure	ballistics
	<b>bat</b>	go	barometer
	<b>batho</b>	depth	bathosphere
	<b>bell</b>	war	bellum
Greek	<b>biblio, bibl</b>	book	bibliography, bible
Greek	<b>bio</b>	life	biography, biology
	<b>capit, cipit</b>	head	decapitate
	<b>caust, caut</b>	burn	cautery, caustic
	<b>cede</b>	to go, yield	recede
	<b>cele</b>	honor	celebration
	<b>cell</b>	to rise, project	
	<b>cent</b>	one hundred	century
	<b>center</b>	center	center
	<b>cephal</b>	head	encephalitis
	<b>cept, capt, cip, cap, ceive, ceipt</b>	to take, hold, grasp	intercept
	<b>cert</b>	sure, to trust	certain
	<b>cess, ced</b>	to move, withdraw	cessation
	<b>chir</b>	hand	chiropractor

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	<b>chron</b>	time	chronological
	<b>cid, cis</b>	to cut off, be brief, to kill	suicide
	<b>circ, circum</b>	around	circumvent
	<b>civ</b>	citizen	civilization
	<b>claud</b>	close, shut, block	claustrophobia
	<b>clin</b>	to lean, lie, bend	incline
	<b>cog</b>	to know	cognizant
	<b>comput</b>	to compute	computer
	<b>cont</b>	to join, unite	continue
	<b>cor, cord, cour, card</b>	heart	cardio
	<b>corp</b>	body	corpulent
Greek	<b>cosm</b>	world, order, universe	cosmos
Greek	<b>crac, crat</b>	rule, govern	democrat
	<b>cred</b>	believe, trust	credible
	<b>crit</b>	judge	criticize
	<b>crypt</b>	conceal	encryption
	<b>culp</b>	fault, blame	culpable
	<b>curs, curr, corr</b>	to run	cursor
	<b>custom</b>	one's own	customary
	<b>cycle</b>	circle	bicycle
Greek	<b>dem</b>	people	demographic
	<b>dent, don</b>	tooth	dentures
Greek	<b>derm</b>	skin	dermatology
	<b>dic, dict</b>	to say, to speak, assert	dictator
	<b>dox</b>	belief	orthodox
	<b>drom</b>	running course	aerodrome
	<b>duct, duc</b>	to lead, draw	ductile
	<b>dur</b>	to harden, hold out	durable
	<b>dyn</b>	force	dynamic
	<b>ec</b>	system	ecology
	<b>entom</b>	insect	entomology
	<b>ep</b>	word	epigraph
	<b>erg</b>	work	ergonomic
	<b>eth</b>	moral	ethical
	<b>ether</b>	upper air	ethereal
Greek	<b>ethn</b>	nation	ethnic
	<b>ethos</b>	group characteristics	ethnocentric
	<b>etym</b>	root	etymology
Greek	<b>gam</b>	marriage	polygamy
	<b>gen</b>	kind, type	gender

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Greek	<b>geo</b>	earth	geography
	<b>glot</b>	language	polyglot
	<b>glyph</b>	carving	hieroglyphics
Greek	<b>gno, gnos</b>	know	diagnosis
	<b>gon</b>	angle	polygon
Greek	<b>graph, gram</b>	write, record	graphic, telegram
	<b>gyn</b>	woman	gynecology
	<b>helio</b>	sun	heliocentric
	<b>hem</b>	blood	hemaglobin
	<b>hipp</b>	horse	hippodrome
Greek	<b>hydro</b>	water	hydrotherapy
	<b>icon</b>	image	icon
	<b>icthy</b>	fish	ichthyology
	<b>kine, cine</b>	movement	kinesthetic, cinema
Greek	<b>lith</b>	stone	monolith
Greek	<b>log</b>	word	monologue
Greek	<b>meter</b>	measure	metric
	<b>mim</b>	imitate	mime
	<b>mis, miso</b>	hate	misanthrope, misogynist
	<b>mnem</b>	memory	mnemonic
Greek	<b>morph</b>	form	amorphous
	<b>nau</b>	ship	nautical
	<b>necro</b>	dead	necropolis
Greek	<b>neur</b>	nerve	neurology
	<b>nom</b>	rule	anomaly
	<b>od</b>	path	exodus
Greek	<b>onym</b>	name	acronym
Greek	<b>opt</b>	sight, eye	optician
	<b>ophthalm</b>	eye	ophthalmologist
	<b>osteo</b>	bone	osteopath
	<b>path</b>	disease	pathology
	<b>ped</b>	child, instruction	pediatric, encyclopedia
	<b>petr</b>	rock	petrified
	<b>phag</b>	eat	esophagus
	<b>phan</b>	appear	phantom
Greek	<b>phil</b>	love, tendency	philosophy
Greek	<b>phon</b>	sound	phonograph
Greek	<b>photo</b>	light	photograph
	<b>phyll</b>	leaf	chlorophyll

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	<b>phys</b>	nature	physical
	<b>plasm, plast</b>	shape, substance	plasma; plastic
	<b>plut</b>	wealth	plutocrat
Greek	<b>pneum, plast</b>	breath	pneumonia
	<b>pod</b>	foot	podiatrist
Greek	<b>polit, polis</b>	city	cosmopolitan
	<b>port</b>	to carry	transport
	<b>pos</b>	to place, put	position
Greek	<b>psy</b>	mind, soul, spirit	psychiatry
Greek	<b>pyr</b>	fire	pyrotechnics
	<b>rhea, rhag</b>	flow, gush	diarrhea, hemorrhage
	<b>schis, schiz</b>	split	schism, schizophrenic
Greek	<b>scope</b>	to see	telescope
	<b>sept</b>	poison, from rot	septic
	<b>skep, scop</b>	examine, look at	skeptical, scope
	<b>soma</b>	body	somatic
Greek	<b>soph</b>	wise	sophisticated
	<b>sperm</b>	seed	sperm
	<b>stat</b>	stand	status
	<b>stroph</b>	turn	catastrophe
	<b>tact, tax</b>	arrangement	tactics, syntax
	<b>taph</b>	tomb	epitaph
Greek	<b>techn</b>	skill	technical
Greek	<b>theo</b>	god	theology
	<b>therap</b>	cure	therapeutic
	<b>therm</b>	heat	thermometer
	<b>tom</b>	cut	appendectomy
	<b>ton</b>	tone	monotone
	<b>top</b>	place	topography
	<b>tox</b>	poison	toxic
	<b>troph</b>	respond to	trophy
	<b>troph</b>	nourish	atrophy
	<b>vac</b>	empty	vacuum
	<b>ver</b>	truth	veracity
	<b>vis, vid</b>	to see, to look	vista
	<b>viv, vit</b>	life	vivacious
	<b>voc, vok</b>	voice, call	vocal
	<b>zo</b>	animal	zoo

# Greek and Latin Morphemes--Prefixes

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	<b>a-, an-</b>	not, without	apolitical, anoxia
	<b>ab</b>	away	abdicate
	<b>acro</b>	top, tip, end	acrobat
	<b>ad, ac, at, as, ap, am, an, ar, ag, af</b>	to, toward, at	advance
	<b>allo-</b>	other	allocate
	<b>ambi</b>	around, both	ambidextrous
	<b>amphi</b>	both, of oth sides, around	amphitheater, ammphibious
15	<b>ant-, anti-</b>	against	antacid, antisocial
	<b>ante</b>	before	antebellum
	<b>apo, ap, aph</b>	away from, off	apology
	<b>archa, arshae</b>	old, ancient	archaic
	<b>archae-</b>	ancient	archaeology
	<b>auto-</b>	self	automatic
	<b>ben, bon</b>	good, well	benefit
	<b>bi-</b>	two	bipolar
	<b>caco-</b>	bad	cacophony
	<b>co, con, com</b>	together, with	conversation
	<b>contra, contro</b>	against	contrary
11	<b>de</b>	from, away, off	detach
	<b>deca, dec, deka</b>	ten	decade
	<b>deutero-</b>	second,	Deuteronomy
	<b>dia-</b>	through, across	diameter
4	<b>dis-, di-</b>	two, twice	dissect
	<b>dis, dif</b>	apart, away, not, to deprive	diffuse
	<b>du</b>	double, two	duplicity
	<b>dys-</b>	bad	dysfunctional
	<b>e, ex, ec</b>	out, beyond, from, out of, forth	excerpt
	<b>ecto</b>	outside of	ectoderm
	<b>en-, em-</b>	in	energy
	<b>endo, ento</b>	within	endoderm
	<b>epi-, ep-</b>	upon, at	epicenter
	<b>eu</b>	good, well	euphony
	<b>ex-, ec-</b>	out	exit
	<b>extra</b>	beyond	extraordinary
10	<b>fore</b>	before	former
	<b>hemi-</b>	half	hemisphere
	<b>hetero-</b>	unlike, various	heterogeneous
	<b>hier-</b>	sacred	hieroglyphics
	<b>holo-</b>	whole	holistic

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	homo-	like, similar, same	homogeneous
	hyper-	over, in excess, above, beyond	hyperactive
	hypo, hyp	under, less than	hypoxia
	ideo-	idea	ideologue
	idio-	individual	idiosyncrasy
3	in, im	in, on, upon, into, toward	imbibe
9	in, ir, im, il	not, without	immoral
	inter	between	intercept
	intro	within	introvert
	iso-	equal	isometric
	kilo	thousand	kilometer
	macro-	large,	macroscopic
	magn, mag, meg, maj	great	magnanimous
	mal	bad, ill	malcontent
	mega-, megalo	large, great	megaton
	met, meta, meth	among, with, after, beyond	metaphysical
	micro-	small	microscopic
	migr	to move, travel	migrate
	mill	thousand	millennium
6	mis	less, wrong	mistake
	mono-	one	monorail
	multi	many, much	multitude
	neo-	new	neoclassical
	non, ne	not	negate
	o, ob, oc, of, op	against, toward	offend
	olig-	few	oligarchy
	omni	all	omnipotent
	ortho-	correct	orthopedic
	pachy-	thick	pachyderm
	paleo	long ago, ancient	paleolithic
	pan, panto	all, every	Pan-America
	para	beside, beyond	paraprofessional
	penta	five	Pentagon
	per	through	peruse
	peri	around, about	perimeter
	poly-	many	polychromatic
	post	after	postpone
8	pre	before	prevent
	pro	before, forward, forth	proceed
	proto-	first	prototype
	pseudo	false, counterfeit	pseudonym
	quad, quatr	four	quadruple

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2	<b>re</b>	again, anew, back	renew
	<b>retro</b>	back, backward, behind	retrace
	<b>se, sed</b>	apart, aside, away	sedition
14	<b>semi</b>	half	semicircle
	<b>sover</b>	above, over	sovereignty
7	<b>sub</b>	under, below, up from below	submerge
13	<b>super, supra</b>	above, down, thoroughle	superb
	<b>syn-, sym-, syl</b>	together, with	symmetric
	<b>tauto-</b>	same	tautological
	<b>tele-</b>	far, distant	telephone
	<b>teleo-</b>	end, result	teleology
12	<b>trans</b>	over, across	transport
	<b>tri</b>	three	tricycle
1	<b>un</b>	not	unkind
	<b>uni</b>	one	unify

# Greek and Latin Morphemes--Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Word	
adj	<b>able</b>	capable of being	miserable
noun	<b>age</b>	belongs to	parsonage
adj	<b>al</b>	like, suitable for	typical
noun	<b>-algia</b>	pain	neuralgia
noun/adj	<b>ance</b>	state of being	brilliance
noun/adj	<b>ant</b>	thing or one who	militant
noun/adj	<b>ar</b>	relating to, like	vascular
noun/adj	<b>ary</b>	relating to, like	sedimentary
adj/verb	<b>ate</b>	to become associated with	associate
noun	<b>-clasm</b>	destruction	iconoclasm
noun	<b>-cracy</b>	government	democracy
noun	<b>ence</b>	state, fact, quality	dependence
noun/adj	<b>ent</b>	to form	
verb	<b>fy</b>	make, do	unify
adj	<b>ial</b>	function of	cordial
noun	<b>-iatry</b>	healing	psychiatry
adj	<b>ible</b>	capable of being	credible
noun/adj	<b>ic</b>	like, having the nature of	alcoholic
noun/adj	<b>ine</b>	nature of-feminine ending	pristine
noun	<b>ion, tion, ation</b>	being, the result of	realization
verb	<b>ise, ize</b>	to become like	traumatize
noun	<b>ism</b>	act, condition	sadism
noun	<b>ist</b>	one who	sophist
noun	<b>-itis</b>	inflammation	tendonitis
noun	<b>ive</b>	of, belonging to, quality of	active
noun	<b>-latry</b>	worship of	idolatry
adverb	<b>ly</b>	like, to extent of	happily
noun	<b>-lysis</b>	loosening	analysis
noun	<b>-mancy</b>	prophecy	necromancy
noun	<b>-mania</b>	madness for	pyromania
noun	<b>ment</b>	a means, product, act, state	excitement
noun	<b>-oid</b>	resembling	humanoid
noun	<b>or</b>	person or thing that	aviator
noun	<b>-orama</b>	view	panorama
noun/adj	<b>ory</b>	place for	observatory
adj	<b>ous</b>	characterized by, having quality of	callous
noun	<b>-philic</b>	love for	audiophilic



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noun	<b>-phobia</b>	fear of	claustrophobia
noun	<b>-phor</b>	that which carries	metaphor
noun	<b>-phoria</b>	production of	euphoria
noun	<b>-phorous</b>	producing	phosphorous
noun	<b>-poly</b>	sale, selling	monopoly
noun/adj	<b>ty</b>	condition of, quality of	chastity
noun/adj	<b>y</b>	quality, somewhat like	purify



## Greek and Latin Numbers

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Greek	<b>mono-</b>	one	monogram, monomial, monogram, monocle,
Latin	<b>uni-</b>	one	monolingual, monopoly, monorail uniform, unison, union, universe, unicorn
Greek	<b>di-</b>	two	disect, divide, dialogue, dichotomy, dilemma
Latin	<b>bi-/duo-</b>	two	bipolar, binomial, bicycle, bisect, billion, biannual, bias, biceps, bifocals, bilateral, bilingual
Greek	<b>tri-</b>	three	trimester, triangle, triple, trinomial, triad,
Latin	<b>tri-/tre-</b>	three	triathlon, tricolor, tricycle, triplicate see above
Greek	<b>tetra-</b>	four	tetrameter, tetrahedron, carbon tetrachloride
Latin	<b>quadri-</b>	four	quadriped, quadrilateral, quartet, quadrant, quadriceps, quadriplegia, quadruple
Greek	<b>penta-</b>	five	pentagon, pentathlon, pentagram, pentameter
Latin	<b>quinque-</b>	five	quintuple, quintet
Greek	<b>hexa-</b>	six	hexagon, hexahedron, hexameter
Latin	<b>sex-</b>	six	sextuplets, sexagenarian, sextant
Greek	<b>hepta-</b>	seven	heptagon
Latin	<b>septa-</b>	seven	septet
Greek	<b>octo-</b>	eight	octogenarian, octagon, octave, octopus,
Latin	<b>octo-</b>	eight	see above
Greek	<b>ennea-</b>	nine	ennead
Latin	<b>nona-</b>	nine	nonagon, nonagerian
Greek	<b>deca-</b>	ten	decade, decagon
Latin	<b>deci-</b>	ten	decimeter, decimal
Greek	<b>hecato-</b>	hundred	hecatoomb
Latin	<b>cent-</b>	hundred	centimeter, century, centerian, centavo, centigrade, centipede
Greek	<b>kilo-</b>	thousand	kilogram, kilowatt, kilobyte, kilometer millimeter, millenium, millisecond, millipede,
Latin	<b>mill-</b>	thousand	million
Greek	<b>myriad-</b>	ten thousand	myriad

Latin  
Greek

**semi-**  
**proto-**

half  
first

semicircle, semi-sweet, semiprecious,  
semiprivate, semiweekly, semifinal,  
semicolon  
prototype, protocol