

# Greek and Latin Roots

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*The Acropolis overlooking the city of Athens*

### Greek Roots 1

anthro	man	anthropology, misanthrope
phil	love	bibliophile, philanthropy
biblio	book	bibliography
phon	sound	phonograph, microphone
graph, gram	record	phonograph, telegram
caco	bad	cacophony
micro	small	microphone, microscope
log(y)	study of	etymology, psychology
gam	marriage	bigamy, polygamy, monogamy

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## Greek Roots 2

archy, arch	rule	monarch, monarchy, oligarchy
macro	large	macroscopic, macrobiology
auto	self	automobile, autonomy
mis	hate	misogyny, misogynist, misanthropy
bio	life	biology, biochemistry
neo	new	Neologism
oid	resembles, similar to	cephaloid, humanoid
cephal	head	cephaloid, cephalopod
olig	few	oligarchy, oligohydramnios
cracy, crat	govern	democracy, aristocracy

## Greek Roots 3

osteo	bone	osteoporosis, osteopath
dem, demo	people	democracy, pandemic
paleo	ancient	paleolithic, paleoanthropology
dendr	tree	dendrite, dendrochronology
pan, panto	all	pandemic, pantograph
derm	skin	dermabrasion, dermatologist
path	feeling, disease	pathetic, psychopath, empathy
entom	insect	entomology, entomophage
phag	eat	bacteriophage, entomophage
ethn	race, nation	ethnic, ethnarch

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## Greek Roots 4

geo	earth, world	geography, geology
phyl	leaf	phyllophage, chlorophyll
pod	foot	cephalopod, podiatrist
gyn	woman	gynecologist, misogynist
poly	many	polygamy, polydactyly
hetero	dissimilar, not the same	heterosexual, heterogeneous
psych	mind, spirit	psychology, psychotic
homo	same	homogeneous, homophobia
theo	god	theology, theocratic
ichthy	fish	ichthyophaga, ichthyology



*The Winged Victory of Samothrace, also called the Nike of Samothrace or Athena Nike on display in the Louvre*

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## Greek Roots 5

ornith	bird	ornithology, ornithophobia
morph	shape, form	morphology, metamorphosis
ortho	correct, straight	orthodox, orthodontist
holo	whole	holocaust, hologram
hydr	water	hydrology, dehydrate
pyr	fire	pyromaniac, pyroclastic
caust	burn	caustic, holocaust
pseudo	false, fake	pseudonym, pseudopod
necr	dead	necrology, necrophobia
onym	name	pseudonym, synonym

## Greek Roots 6

etym	word	etymology
cosm	world	cosmology, cosmopolitan
polis	city	political, necropolis
-lith	stone	monolith, lithograph
glyph	carving	petroglyph, hieroglyphic
pachy	thick	pachyderm
aster	star	asteroid, asterisk
icon	icon, idol	iconoclast, iconology
chrom	color	chromatic
peter, petr	stone	petrified

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## Greek Roots 7

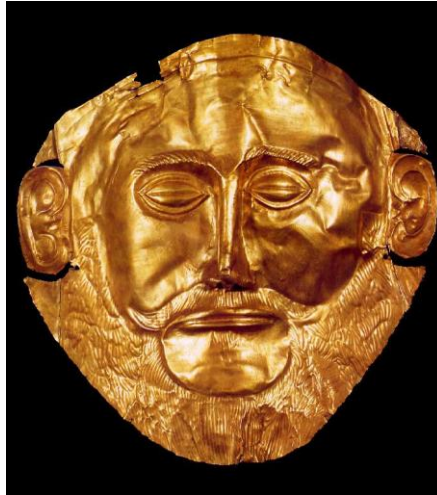
gloss, glot	language, tongue	polyglot, glottal
gno	knowledge	gnosis, ignorant
archae	ancient	archaeology
hier	sacred	hierarchy, hieroglyph
rrh, rrhe	flow	diarrhea, logorrhea
pro	before	proactive
dia	through	diarrhea
epi	upon, on	epidermis
a, an	without	anarchy, atheist
anti	against	antithesis

## Greek Roots 8

syn; syl; sym	with, together	synonym, symbiosis
-clast	destroy, destroyer	iconoclast
-latry	worship	idolatry
mania	madness, unhealthy attraction for	pyromania
phobia	fear of	arachnophobia, triskaidekaphobia
tauto	same	tautological, tautology
hyper	excessive	hyperkinetic, hypertrophy
kine, cine	motion, movement	cinema, hyperkinetic
crypt	secret, concealed	crypt, cryptic, cryptology
therm	heat	thermometer

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*Gold mask of Agamemnon of Troy*

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finger, toe	dactyl	polydactyly, pterodactyl
chir	hand	chiropractor, megachiroptera
heli	sun	heliocentric, helios
mono	one	monochrome, monarchy
chron	time	chronic, anachronism
eu	good	eulogy, euphony
dox	opinion	heterodox, orthodox
andro	man	android
taph	tomb	epitaph, centotaph
proto	first	proto-human, prototype

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metr	measurement	metric, barometer
iso	equal	isometric
hemi	half	hemisphere
tom(y)	cut, removal	appendectomy, hysterectomy
mach, mancy	battle	naumachia
naus	sea, ocean	nausea, nautical
zo(o)	animal	zoo, zoology, cenozoic
meso	middle	Mesolithic
bar	weight, pressure	Barometer
tox	poison	toxic, toxicology



*The Lion Gate at the ancient Greek city of Mycenae*

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saur	lizard	dinosaur
xeno	foreign	xenophobia
xeri	Dry	xeriscape
hypo	below	hypodermic, hypotonic
acro	height	acrophobia, acrobat
aristo	best	aristocrat
batho	depth	bathometer
cardio	heart	cardiology, cardiogram
hagio	sacred	hagiography
oo	egg	oocyte

## Greek Roots 12

peri	around	perimeter
mancy	divination	chiropractor, ornithomancy
dyn(am)	Power	dynamic, dynamite
therap	Cure	therapeutic
mega(lo)	large	megalomania
thanat	death	thanatos, thanatopsis
chloro	light green	chlorophyll, chloride
ether	upper air	ether, ethereal
gluc	sweet	glucose
nom	law, name	nominate



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## Latin Roots 1

carn	meat	carnivore
pulcr	beauty	pulchritude
vir	man	virile
aqua	water	aquatic, aqueduct
sui	self	suicide
cid(e)	killing, kill	homicide, fratricide, regicide
noct	night	nocturnal
pater, patri	father	patriotic, patriarch
quad	four	quadrangle, quadratic
soror	sister	sorority

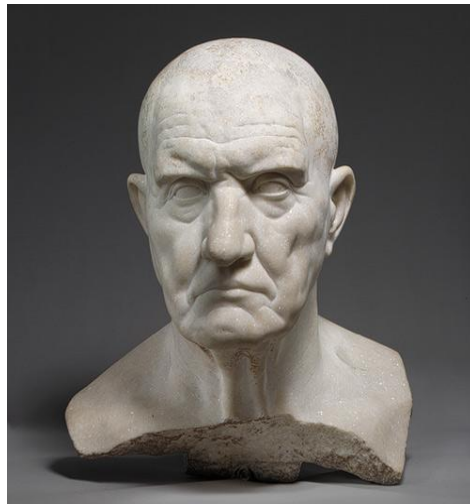
## Latin Roots 2

frat(er)	brother	fraternity
uni	one	unicycle, unicorn
mater	mother	maternal, maternity
gen	beginning, birth	genesis
omni	all	omniscient, omnivore
oct	eight	octagon, octopus
gon	side	polygon
bi	two	biannual, bicycle
tri	three	tripod, triumvirate
quint	five	quintuplet

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*Roman portrait bust of an old man*

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## Latin Roots 3

sub	under, below	submarine, subtract
marin	ocean	marine, mariner
luna	moon	lunatic, lunar
dorm	sleep	dormitory, dormant
sen	age, old	senescent, senile
equi	horse	equine, equestrian
digit	finger	digit, digital
stell	star	stellar, constellation
ocul	eye	ocular, monocle
rod	gnaw	rodent

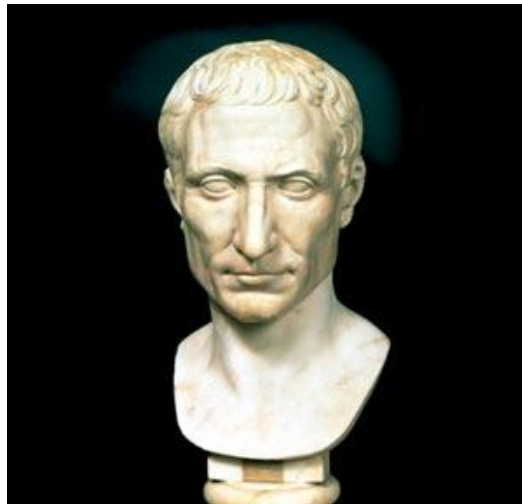
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## Latin Roots 4

mort	death	mortician, mortal
pisc	fish	pisces
sangui	blood	sanguine, exsanguinate
arbor	tree	arbor, arboreal
terra	earth	territory, terrestrial
horti	garden	horticulture
sol	sun	solar
pauci	few	paucity
astr	star	astronomy, asteroid



*Roman portrait bust of Julius Caesar*

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## Latin Roots 5

vaca	empty	vacant, vacate
veloc	speed	velocity
vit, viv	life, live	vital, vivid
ver	truth	veritable, verify
voc	call	vocabulary, vocalize
vol	will, desire	voluntary
volv	roll, rotate	revolution
vor	eat	voracious
verd	green	verdant
vuls	tear, rip	convulsion

## Latin Roots 6

scend, scent	climb	ascend
scientia	knowledge	science, conscience
sed	sit	sedentary
sens, sent	feel	sense, sensation
tact	touch	tactile, contact
simil, simul	likeness, pretense	simulate, similar
somn	sleep	insomnia, somnambulate
spir	breath	inspire, respiration
ung, unct	oil	unguent, unctuous
umbr	shade	umbrella, penumbra

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*Portrait coin of the emperor Nero*

## Latin Roots 7

manu	hand	manual
melior	better, improve	ameliorate
nebul	cloud	nebulous, nebula
mendac	lie, deceive	mendacity
nihil	nothing	nihilism, annihilate
migr-	move, travel	migrate, immigrate
noct, nox	night	nocturnal
moll	soft	mollify
ole	oil	oleaginous
onus	burden	onerous, onus

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coron	crown	corona, coronation
avi	bird	avian
corpor	body	incorporate, corpse
bib	drink	bibulous
cal	heat	calorie
cruc, crux	cross	crucify, crux
cand	glow	candle, incandescent
culp	blame	culpable
caput, capit	head	decapitate
caus	chance	causal (NOTE: This word should not be confused with "casual," meaning "informal.")



*Statue and Bust of Caesar Augustus*

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ora	speak, speech	oratory, orator
mors	bite	morsel
orb	circle	orbit
oscil	sway, swing	oscillate
dei	god	deify, deity
fel	cat	feline
fides	faith, loyalty	fidelity
domin	master	dominate
dulce	sweet	dulcet
dur	hard	endurance, durable
ego	I (pronoun)	egotism
forc, fort	strength	force, fortify

## Latin Roots 10

dub	doubt	dubious, indubitable
acr	sharp, bitter	acid, acrimonious
cav	warning	caveat
act	to do, make	action
ced, cess	withdraw	cede, cessation
alter	the other	"alter ego"
celer	swiftness	celerity
ama, ami	love, friendliness	amity
cens	judge	censure
anim	life, spirit	animate

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*Interior view of the Roman Coliseum*

## Latin Roots 11

abdic-	to give up authority	abdicate
aberr-	go astray, be abnormal	aberration, aberrant
abstem	to be moderate in eating and drinking	abstemious, abstain
acer	sharp, fierce	acerbic
quer	complain	querulous
quies	rest, quiet	quiescent
quint	fifth	quintuplet
vacill	to sway or stagger	vacillate, vacillation
val	to be well, strong	valor
vapid	spiritless, flat	vapid, vapidly
vehemens	violent, furious	vehement, vehemently
oblivio	forget	oblivious, oblivion



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## Latin Roots 12

obscur	dark, dim	obscure, obscurity
obsequi	to comply, to obey	obsequious, obsequies
occult	to hide or conceal	occult
debil	weak, powerless	debilitating, debilitate
decimus	one-tenth	decimal
nas, nati	born, spring forth, begin	prenatal, nativity
nefar	execrable, abominable	nefarious
nego	to say no, deny	negate
nepos	grandson	nepotism
bene	good	benevolent, benefit
mal	bad, evil	malevolent, malodorous
cogito	to think	cognitive, cogitate

## Latin Roots 13

concilio	to unite, bring together	conciliate, conciliatory
contumelia	to insult	contumely
copia	plenty, abundant	copious, cornucopia
macula	a spot or stain	immaculate
magister	teacher	magistrate
minuo	to lessen, make smaller	diminish, minuscule
pars, part	part, direction	tripartite
pater	father	patriotic, patricide
mater	mother	matriarch
pax, pacis	peace	pax, pacify, pacific
pecco	to sin or offend	impeccable

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## Latin Roots 14

pecunia	money	pecuniary, impecunious
pend, pendul	to hang down	pendulum, pendulous
perfidia	faithless, treacherous	perfidious
tabula	a writing tablet	tabula rasa, tablet
taceo	to be silent	tacit
taedium	boredom	tedium, tedious
rapio, raptus	to seize, carry off	rapture
ratio	account, reason	rational
rex, regis	king	regal, regent
rideo	to laugh	deride



*Statue of an older woman at market, c. 1st century A.D.*

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roboro	to support, make stronger	corroborate
rogo	to ask	interrogate
impero	to order, command	imperious
laboro	to labor, suffer, be hard pressed	laborious
lapis	stone	lapidary
lassitudo	weariness	lassitude
latus, lateris	side	lateral, quadrilateral
laudo	to praise	applaud
ultimus	farthest	ultimate
unda	wave	undulate
utilis	useful, profitable	utility
emano	to arise from, come out of	emanate

## Latin Roots 16

habito	to live, dwell	habitable, habituate
herba	grass	herbivore
horreo	to stand on end, shudder, find dreadful	horrify
genus	birth, kind	generic, gene
grad, gress	to take steps, go away, walk	regress, progress
fabula	story	fable
facilis	easy	facile, difficult
sacer, sacra	sacred, holy	sacred, sacerdotal
sapiens	wise, judicious	homo sapiens, sapient
scribo	to write	inscribe, prescription

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