## List 1: MEGA root list

This is a long list of roots. Super comprehensive. Includes examples.

| Root | Meanings | Sample Words and Definitions |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $a / n$ | not, without | abyss - without bottom; achromatic - without color; anhydrous - without water |
| a | on | afire - on fire; ashore - on the shore; aside - on the side |
| ab/s, a | from, away, off | abduct - carry away by force; abnormal - away from normal, not normal; absent - away, not present; aversion - the act of turning away from; abbreviate: to shorten. |
| ac, ad | to, toward, near | accelerate - to increase the speed of; accessible - easily entered, approached, or obtained; admittance - allowing into; |
| acro | top, height, tip, beginning | acrobat - a "high walker"; acronym - a word formed from the first (capital) letters of a word; acrophobia - fear of height |
| act | do | activity - something that a person does; react - to do something in response; interaction - communication between two or more things |
| aer/o | air | aerate - to let air reach something; aerial - relating to the air; aerospace - the air space |
| agr/i/o | farming | agriculture - management of the land, agribusiness - making money by utilizing land; agrarian - relating to the management of land |
| alg/o | pain | neuralgia - pain caused by a nerve; analgesic - a drug that makes one pain free; nostalgia - aching for the familiar |
| ambi, amphi | both, on both sides, around | ambidextrous - able to use both hands equally; ambiguous - having more than one meaning; ambivalence - conflicting or opposite feelings toward a person or thing |
| ambul | walk, move | amble - to walk in a slow, relaxed way; ambulant - walking or moving around; ambulance - a vehicle that moves a patient |
| ami/o | love | amiable - friendly, pleasant, lovable; amity - friendly and peaceful relations; amorous - showing romantic love |
| ana | up, back, against, again, throughout | analysis - a close examination of something; anatomy - the structure of something as visible when cut up for analysis; anachronism - not being in the right place in time |
| andr/o | man, male | androgynous - being both male and female; android - resembling a human; |

misandry - hatred towards men

| anim | life, spirit | animal - a living organism; animate - to make alive; equanimity - of balanced spirit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ann enn | year | anniversary - a date observed once a year; annual - happening once a year; millennium - 1,000 years |
| ante | before, in front | antecede - to come before something in time; antemeridian - before noon; anteroom- a small room before the main room |
| anth/o | flower | chrysanthemum and amaranth - names of flowers; anthology - a collection of treasured writings; anthozoan - half plant, half animal, like anemones and corals. |
| anthrop/0 | human | anthropology - the study of mankind; anthropomorphism - giving human form to non-human things; philanthropy - the love to mankind (expressed through good deeds) |
| anti | against, opposite | antibody - a substance that destroys micro-organisms; antiseptic preventing infection; antisocial - opposing social norm aphorism - a short expression of a general truth; apology - an explicit |
| apo, | aw | expression of regret, apostrophe - a small dash used in place of an omitted letter |
| aqu/a | water | aquarium - a water container for fish; aquatic- relating to water; aqueduct - a pipeline for water |
| arbor | tree | arborist - someone working with trees; arbor - a shady area formed by trees; arborous - having many trees |
| arc | chief, | archbishop - the highest ranking bishop; archenemy - chief or worst enemy; |
| /e/o/ae | important, rule | matriarch - a female who rules a group; monarch - a king |
| archa/e, archi | primitive, ancient | archaeology - the study of ancient cultures; archaic - belonging to an earlier period; archive - a collection of historical materials |
| arthr/o | joint | arthroscope - a tool to see inside a joint; arthritis - inflammation of a joint; arthropod - invertebrates with jointed legs, like spiders, crustaceans, insects |
| art | skill | artifact - object made by a person's skill; artisan - a person skilled in a craft; artist - a person who creates skillfully |
| astro, | star, stars, outer | astronaut - a person traveling to the stars; astronomer - someone who |
| aster aud/i/io | space hear | studies the stars; asterisk - a star-shaped sign used as a reference tool audible - loud enough to be heard; audience - people who listen to a program; audiovisual - relating to sound and vision |


| auto | self, same, one | autocrat - a person who governs with absolute power; autograph - a person's own signature; automatic - moving by itself |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| avi/a | bird | aviary - a large enclosure for birds; aviatrix - a female airplane pilot; aviation - the art of designing or operating aircraft |
| bar/o | pressure, weight | baric - pertaining to pressure, esp. of the atmosphere; milliard - metric unit, equal to $1 / 1000$ th of a bar; baryon - heavy elementary particle |
| bell/i | war | bellicose - warlike; belligerent - hostile, ready to fight; rebel - person who opposes and fights |
| bene | good, well | benefactor - person who gives money to a cause; beneficial - producing a good effect; benevolent - showing kindness or goodwill |
| bi/n | two, twice, once in every two | biannual - happening twice a year; binoculars - optical device with two lenses; bilateral - of or involving two sides |
| bibli/o | book | bibliography - a list of books used as sources; bibliomania - an extreme love of books; bibliophile - a person who loves books |
| bio | life, living matter | biography- a life story written by another person; biology - the science of life; biosphere - Earth's surface inhabited by living things |
| blast/o | cell, primitive, immature cell | blastula - an early stage of embryonic development; fibroblast - a cell that forms connective tissue; blastoderm - the layer surrounding the inside of an egg |
| capt, cept | take, hold | intercept - to stop or interrupt; recapture - taking something back; captivating - taking hold of |
| cardi/o | heart | cardiac - relating to the heart; cardiogenic - resulting from heart disease; cardiologist - a heart doctor |
| carn/i | flesh, meat | carnivorous - flesh-eating; carnal - pertaining to the body or flesh; incarnate given bodily form |
| cata | down, against completely, intensive, according to | cataclysm - a flood or other disaster, catalog - a complete listing; catastrophe - turning for the worst, a substantial disaster |
| caust, caut | to burn | cauterize - to burn with a hot instrument; caustic - capable of burning or eating away; holocaust - total devastation, especially by fire |
| cede, <br> ceed, <br> cess | go, yield | exceed - to go beyond the limits; recede - to go back; accessible - easily entered, approached, <br> or obtained; |


| ceive, <br> cept | take | accept - to take a thing that is offered; perceive - to take notice of something; receive - to take something given |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| celer | fast | accelerate - to increase the speed of; decelerate - to reduce the speed of |
| cent/i | hundred, hundred | centennial- the 100th anniversary; centimeter $-1 / 100$ of a meter; century 100 years |
| centr/o/i | center | egocentric - self-centered; eccentric - not having a common center, not according to norm; centrifugal - moving outward from a center |
| cephal/o | head | encephalitis - inflammation of the brain; cephalic - pertaining to the head; cephalopod - marine mollusks like octopus and squid who have tentacles growing from their head |
| cerebr/o | brain | cerebral - pertaining to the brain; cerebrate - to use the brain; cerebrospinal pertaining to the brain and the spinal cord |
| cert | sure | ascertain- to find out something with certainty; certain - being absolutely sure; certify - to state that something is true |
| chrom/o chromat/ chros | ,color, pigment | achromatic - without color; chromium - a blue-white metallic chemical element, chromatics - the study of color |
| chron/o | time | chronic - lasting for a long time; chronological - arranging events in time order, synchronize - happening at the same time |
| chrys/o | gold, yellow | chrysanthenum and helichrysum - golden/yellow flowers; chrysolite - a yellowish gem |
| cide, cise | cut, kill | homicide - murder; incisor - a sharp tooth for cutting food; insecticide - a chemical used to kill insects |
| circum, circle | around, about | circumnavigate - to sail around; circumscribe - to draw around; circumspect looking around |
| claim, clam | shout, speak out | clamor - to shout and make noise; exclaim - to cry out loudly and suddenly; proclamation - something announced officially in public |
| clar | clear | clarification - an explanation; clarify - to make something clear; declare - to state something clearly |
| clud, clus | close | conclusion - the end or last part; exclusion - shutting out, rejecting; seclude to keep away from; to isolate |
| cline | lean | inclination - a leaning toward; incline - a surface that slopes or leans; recline - to lean back and relax |

coauthor - writer who collaborates with another author; coeducation -


| deci | one tenth | deciliter - a tenth of a liter; decimate - reduce dramatically; decibel - one tenth of the sound volume unit bel |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| dem/0 | people | democracy - government of the people; demographic - the study of people; epidemic - spreading among people in a region |
| demi | half, less than | demitasse - a small cup of coffee; demimonde - someone of little respected life style |
| dendr/o/i | tree | philodendron - a climbing plant that grows on trees; dendrochronology dating events by studying growth rings in trees; dendriform - in the shape of a tree |
| dent, don | ooth | dental - relating to teeth; dentist - a doctor for the teeth; dentures - a set of false teeth |
| derm/a | skin | dermatologist - a doctor for the skin; pachyderm - a class of animals with very thick skin (elephant, rhinoceros); dermatitis - inflammation of the skin |
| di/plo | two, twice | dichromatic - displaying two colors; diploma - a certificate, literally "a letter folded double"; dilemma - a situation that requires a choice between two alternatives. |
| di/s | apart, away, not, to the opposite | digression - a departure from the main issue, subject; disappear - to move out of sight; dissect - to cut apart piece by piece. |
| dia | through, between, apart, across | diabetes - disease characterized by excessive thirst and discharge of urine; diagnosis - understanding a condition by going through a detailed review of symptoms; dialog - conversation between two people. |
| dict | speak | contradict - to express the opposite of; prediction - a statement foretelling the future; dictate - to speak out loud for another person to write down. |
| domin | master | dominate - to be the master of; domineering - excessively controlling; predominate - to have more power than others |
| don/at | give | donation - a contribution or gift; donor - someone who gives something; pardon - to give forgiveness for an offense |
| duc/t | lead | conduct - to lead musicians in playing music; educate - to lead to knowledge; deduction - a subtraction of an amount. |
| du/o | two, twice | duplicate - make an identical copy; duet - a musical composition for two voices or instruments; duo - a pair normally thought of as being together. |
| dur | harden, to last, lasting | durable - having the quality of lasting; duration - the length of time something lasts; enduring - able to last. |


| dyn/a/am | power, energy, strength | dynamo - a generator of energy; dynamic - having physical energy/power; dynamite - a powerful explosive. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| dys | abnormal, bad | dyspepsia - abnormal indigestion; dystopia - an imaginary place of total misery; dyslexia - impairment of the ability to handle words. |
| e- | out, away | eloquent - speaking beautifully and forcefully; emissary - a representative of a country or group sent on a mission; eject - throw out forcefully. |
| ego | self | egoistic - self-centered; alter ego - a higher aspect of oneself; egomania excessive preoccupation with oneself. |
| em, en | into, cover with, cause | empathy - intention to feel like another person; empower - put into power; engorge - make larger. |
| endo | within, inside | endotherm - a creature that can keep its inside temperature fairly constant; endocrine - relating to glands that secrete directly into the blood or lymph; endogamy - the custom to marry within one's clan, tribe etc. |
| enn/i, anni | years | bicentennial - of or relating to an age or period of 200 years; centennial - of or relating to an age or period of 100 years; perennial -lasting through many years. |
| en, in | inside, inwards | envision - to picture in the mind; enclose - lock inside; inwards - towards the inside. |
| ep/i | on, upon, over, among, at, after, to, outside | epidemic - the rapid spread of something negative; epilogue - a short speech delivered after a play; epicenter - the center of an earthquake. |
| equ/i | equal, equally | equidistant - an equal distance from two points; equanimity - calm temperament, evenness of temper; equation - a statement of equality. |
| erg/o | work | ergonomics - study of the working environment; energy - the power to accomplish work; energetics - science that looks at energy and its transformation. |
| esth/aesth | feeling, sensation, beauty | esthetician - someone who beautifies; aesthetic - pertaining to a sense of beauty; kinesthesia - the sensation of bodily movement. |
| ethno | race, people | ethnic - pertaining to a defined group of people; ethnocentric - focusing on the ethnicity of people; ethnology - the science of people and races. |
| eu | good, well | euphemism - replacing an offensive word with an inoffensive one; <br> euphonious - having a pleasant sound; euphoria - feeling of well-being. |
| ex | from, out, | excavate - to dig out; exhale - to breathe out; extract - to pull out. |


| extra, extro | outside, beyond | extraordinary - beyond ordinary; extraterrestrial - outside the Earth; extrovert - an outgoing person. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| fac/t | make, do | artifact - an object made by a person; factory - a place where things are made; malefact - a person who does wrong. |
| fer | bear, bring, carry | confer - to bring an honor to someone; ferry - a boat that carries passengers; transfer - to move to another place. |
| fid | faith | confide - place trust in someone, fidelity - faithfulness; fiduciary - a trustee; |
| flect | bend | deflect - to bend course because of hitting something; inflection - a bending in the voice's tone or pitch; flexible - easily bending. |
| flor/a, fleur | flower | florist - someone working with flowers; floral - flowerlike; flora - the plant life of a particular time or area |
|  | completely (used |  |
| for | intensify <br> the meaning of a <br> word) | forsaken or forfeited - completely lost; forgiven - completely given (a release of debt). |
| fore | in front of, previous, earlier | forebear - ancestor; forebode - to give an advance warning of something bad; forecast - a preview of events to be. |
| fract, frag | break | fracture - a break; fragile - easy to break; fragment or fraction - a part or element of a larger whole; |
| fug | flee, run away, escape | fugitive - a person who is running away; refuge - a sheltered place to flee to; refugee - a person seeking protection |
| funct | perform, work | defunct - no longer working or alive; function - to work or perform a role normally; malfunction - to fail to work correctly. |
| fus | pour | confusion - being flooded with too much information that is hard to make sense of; fuse - to melt by heating; infuse - to put into. |
| gastr/o | stomach | gastric - pertaining to the stomach; gastronomy - serving the stomach by providing good food; gastritis - inflammation of the stomach. |
| gen/o/e/ genesis | birth, production, formation, kind | genealogy - the study of the history of a family; generation - all the people born at approximately the same time; genetic -relating to heredity encoded in the genes. |
| geo | earth, soil, global | geography - study of the earth's surface; geology - study of the structure of the earth; geoponics - soil based agriculture. |
| ger | old age | geriatrics - medicine pertaining to the elderly; gerontocracy - the rule of the elders; gerontology - the science of aging. |


| giga | a billion | gigabyte - unit of computer storage space; gigahertz - unit of frequency (one billion $\mathrm{Hz} / \mathrm{sec}$ ); gigawatt unit of electric power (one billion watts). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| gon | angle | decagon - a polygon with 10 angles; diagonal - a slanting line running across a space; octagon - a geometrical figure with 8 angles. |
| gram | letter, written | diagram - a simple drawing; grammar - rules of how to write words in sentences; telegram - a message sent by telegraph. |
| graph/y | writing, recording, written | Graphology - the study of handwritings; autograph - written with one's own hand; seismograph - a machine noting strength and duration of earthquakes. |
| grat | pleasing | gratify - to please someone; grateful - feeling thankful; gratuity - a tip, token of appreciation. |
| gyn/o/e | woman, female | gynecology - the science of female reproductive health; gynephobia - fear of women; gynecoid - resembling a woman. |
| gress, grad/e/i | to step, to go | digression - a departure from the main issue, subject, etc.; progress movement forward or onward; gradual - step by step. |
| ```- hect/o, hecat``` | hundred | hectoliter - 100 liters; hectare - metric unit equaling 100 ares or 10,000 square meters; hectometer - 100 meters. |
| helic/o | spiral, circular | helicopter - an aircraft with horizontal rotating wing; helix - a spiral form; helicon - a circular tuba. |
| heli/o | sun | heliotropism - movement or growth in relating to the sun; heliograph apparatus used to send message with the help of sunlight; helianthus genus of plants including sunflowers. |
| hemi | half, partial | hemicycle - a semicircular structure; hemisphere - one half of the earth; hemistich - half a line of poetry. |
| hem/o/a | blood | hemorrhage - clotting of the blood; hemorrhoids - swelling of the blood vessels; hemoglobin - red blood particle. |
| hepa | liver | hepatitis - inflammation of the liver; hepatoma - a tumor of the liver; hepatotoxic - toxic and damaging to the liver. |
| hept/a | seven | heptagon - a shape with seven angles and seven sides; Heptateuch - the first seven books of the Old Testament; heptameter - a line of verse consisting of seven metrical feet. |
| herbi | grass, plant | herbicide - any chemical used to kill unwanted plants, etc.; herbivorous -plant-eating; herbal - relating to plants. |
| hetero | different, other | heterogeneous - made up of unrelated parts; heteronyms - words with same |


|  |  | spelling but different meanings; heterodox - not conforming to traditional beliefs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| hex/a | six | hexagon - a shape with six angles/sides; hexameter - a verse measured in six; hexapod - having six legs. |
| histo | tissue | histology - study of the microscopic structure of tissues; histochemistry study of the chemical constitution of cells and tissues. |
| homo, homeo | like, alike, same | homogeneous - of the same nature or kind; homonym - sounding alike; homeopath - a therapy that is based on treating "same with same" |
| hydr/o | liquid, water | hydrate - to add water to; hydrophobia - intense fear of water; hydroponics growing plants in liquid nutrient solution; hydraulic - operated by force created by a liquid. |
| hygr/o | moisture, humidity | hygrometer - tool used to measure humidity; hygrograph - instrument for recording variations in atmospheric humidity. |
| hyper | too much, over, excessive, beyond | hyperactive - very restless; hypercritical - too critical; hypertension - above normal pressure. |
| hyp/o | under | hypoglycemia - an abnormally low level of sugar in the blood; hypothermia abnormally low body temperature; hypothesis - a theory that is unproven but used under the assumption that it is true. |
| iatr/0 | medical care | geriatrics - medical care of the elderly; pediatrician - a doctor who treats children; podiatry - medical care for feet. |
| icon/o | image | icon - an (often religious) image, in modern usage a simplified graphic of high symbolic content; iconology - science of symbols and icons; iconoclast someone who destroys religious images and traditional beliefs. |
| idio | peculiar, personal, distinct | idiomatic - Peculiar to a particular language; idiosyncracy - a physical or mental characteristic typical or a particular person; idiot - someone who is distinctly foolish or stupid. |
| il, in | in, into | illuminate - to give light to; innovation - a new idea, method, or device; inspection - the act of examining or reviewing. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { ig, il, im, } \\ & \text { in, ir } \end{aligned}$ | not, without | illegal - not legal; impossible - not possible; inappropriate - not appropriate; irresponsible - not responsible. |
| imag | likeness | image - a likeness of someone; imaginative - able to think up new ideas or images; imagine - to form a picture or likeness in the mind. |
| infra | beneath, below | infrastructure - underlying framework of a system; infrared - below the regular light spectrum. |


| inter | between, among, jointly | international - involving two or more countries; intersection - place where roads come together; intercept - to stop or interrupt the course of. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| intra, intro | within, inside | intrastate - existing in one state; intravenous - inside or into a vein; introvert shy person who keeps within him/herself. |
| ir | not | irredeemable - not redeemable; irreformable - not reformable; irrational - not rational. |
| iso | equal | isobar - a line on a map connecting points of equal barometric pressure; isometric - having equality of measure; isothermal - having equal or constant temperature. |
| ject | throw | eject - to throw someone/something out; interject - to throw a remark into a discussion; project - to cast or throw something. |
| jud | law | judgment - a decision of a court of law; judicial - having to do with judges or courts of law; judiciary - a system of courts of law. |
| junct | join | conjunction - a word that joins parts of sentences; disjunction - a disconnection; junction - a place where two things join. |
| juven | young | juvenile - youthful or childish; rejuvenate - to bring back to youthful strength or appearance. |
| kilo | thousand | kilobyte - 1,000 bytes; kilometer-1,000 meter; kilograms - 1,000 grams. |
| kine/t /mat | motion, division | kinetics - study of the force of motion; psychokinesis or telekinesis - the ability to move objects with your mind; cinematography - motion picture making. |
| lab | work | collaborate - to work with a person; elaborate - to work out the details; laborious - requiring a lot of hard work. |
| lact/o | milk | lactate - to give milk, nurse; lactose - the sugar contained in milk; lactic acid. |
| later | side | bilateral - of or involving two sides; unilateral - affecting one side of something. |
| leuk/o, leuc/o | white, colorless | leukemia - abnormal increase of white blood cells in the blood; leukocyte - a mature white blood cell; leucine - a white, crystalline amino acid. |
| lex | word, law, reading | lexicology - the study and history of words; alexia -loss of the ability to read; illegal - not authorized by the official rules or laws. |
| liber | free | liberate - to set free; libertine - a person with a free, wild lifestyle; liberty freedom. |
| lingu | language, tongue | linguist - one who studies languages; multilingual - able to communicate in |

multiple languages; linguine - long, flat "tongue-shaped" pasta.

| lip/o | fat | liposuction - the mechanical removal of fat reserves in the tissue; lipase enzyme that breaks down fat; lipoid - resembling fat. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| lite, ite, lith/o | mineral, rock, fossil | appatite - a group of common minerals; granite - a hard, granular rock; monolith - a remarkable, unique stone. |
| loc | place | dislocate - to put something out of its usual place; location - a place; relocate - to move to a new place. |
| log/0 | word, doctrine, discourse | logic - correct reasoning; monologue - a long speech by one speaker;analogy - similarity, especially between things otherwise dissimilar. |
| loqu, locu | speak | eloquent - speaking beautifully and forcefully ; loquacious - very talkative; elocution - art of public speaking. |
| Iuc | light | elucidate - to explain, to throw light on; lucid - easily understood, giving off light; translucent - allowing light through. |
| lud, lus | to play | prelude - introduction to the major performance; illusion - misleading optical image or impression; delude - to mislead, deceive. |
| Iumin | light | illuminate - to fill with light; lumen - unit measuring light. |
| lun/a/i | moon | lunar - relating to the moon; lunarscape - the surface of the moon; lunatic insane (as if driven mad by the moon). |
| macro | large, great | macroevolution - large scale evolution; macromolecule - a large molecule; macroeconomics - study of the overall forces of economy. |
| magn/a/i | great, large | magnify - make larger; magnificent - grand; magnate - a powerful person, especially in business or industry. |
| mal/e | bad, ill, wrong | malcontent - wrong content; malaria - "bad air", infectious disease thought to originate from the "bad air" of the swamps, but caused by the bite of an infected mosquito; malicious - showing strong ill will. |
| man/i/u | hand | maneuver - to move by hand; manual - done with the hands; manuscript - a book written by hand. |
| mand | to order | command - an order or instruction; demand - a hard-to-ignore order; mandate - an official order. |
| mania | madness, insanity, <br> excessive desire | bibliomania - a crazy love of books; egomania - a mad love of oneself; maniac an insane person. |
| mar/i | sea | marina - a harbor for pleasure boats; maritime - relating to the sea; submarine - an undersea boat; aquamarine - blue-green in color, like sea |


bad, badly, wrong,
mis/o to hate
miss, mit send, let go
mob move

## mon/o

one, single, alone
mot, mov move
morph/o form
mort death
many, more than
one or two
change
my/o muscle
narr tell
nat born
nav ship
necr/o dead, death
neg
neo new, recent
misbehave - to behave badly; misprint - an error in printing; misnomer - an error in naming a person or thing.
dismiss - to send someone away; missile - a weapon sent into the air; emit to send something out; admittance - entry.
immobilize - to stop from moving; mobile - able to move freely; mobility - the quality of being able to move.
monochromat - having one color; monologue - a speech spoken by one person; monotheism - belief in one god.
motion - the act of moving; motivate - to move someone to action; promote to move someone forward; removable - able to be taken or carried away. metamorphosis - complete change of form; endorphins - chemical in the brain able to transform pain; amorphous - without distinct shape or form. immortal - living forever, unable to die; mortal - certain to die; mortician - an undertaker.
multicolored - having many colors; multimedia - using a range of media; multitasking - doing many things at once.
immutable - not changing; mutant - an organism that has undergone change; mutate - to undergo a change.
myocardium - the middle muscle of the heart; myasthenia - muscle fatigue or weakness; myosin - common protein in muscle tissue.
narrate - to tell a story; narrative - a story; narrator - a person who tells a story.
innate - included since birth; natal - relating to birth; natural - gotten at birth, not afterward.
circumnavigate - to sail around a place; naval - relating to a navy or warships; navigate - to sail a ship through a place.
necrophil - loving death; necrosis - the death of tissue due to disease or injury; necrology - a list of persons who have recently died.
negate - to say it didn't happen; negative - meaning "no"; renege - to go back on a promise.
neoclassic - a revival of classic form, neocolonialism - the indirect ("new") economical and political control of a region by a more powerful foreign power; neonatal - a newborn child, especially the first few weeks.

| nephr/o | kidney | nephritis - inflammation of the kidneys; nephrotomy - surgical incision of a kidney; nephron - a single, excretory unit in the kidney. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| neur/o | nerve | neuralgia - pain along a nerve; neurologist - doctor specializing in the nerves; neurotic - mental disorder that usually does not include an impaired perception of reality. |
| nom/in | name | misnomer - an error in naming a person or thing; nominal - being something in name only but not in reality; nominate - to name for election or appointment, to designate. |
| non | no, not, without | nondescript - with no special characteristics; nonfiction - true, real, not made-up; nonsense - without sense. |
| not | mark | notable - marked as worthy of attention; notarize - to certify a signature on a legal document; annotate - to add remarks. |
| noun, nunc | declare | announce - to declare in public; denounce - to proclaim harsh criticism; enunciate - to speak or declare something clearly. |
| nov | new | innovate - to introduce a new way; novelty - something new; novice - a person who is new at a job; renovate - to make something like new again. |
| numer | number | enumerate - to name a number of items on a list; numerology - the study of magical uses of numbers; numerous - a large number. |
| ob, op | in the way, against | object - to be against something; obscure - hard to understand; opposition the act of resistance or action against. |
| oct/a/o | eight | octagon - a figure with 8 sides and 8 angles; octogenarian - person in his or her 80s; octopus - sea animal with 8 arms. |
| OCu | eye | binoculars - lens device for seeing distances; monocula - relating to one eye; oculist - an eye doctor. |
| omni | all | omnipotent - with all the power; omniscient - knowing all things; omnivorous eating all foods. |
| op/t/s | eye, visual condition, sight | optic - relating to the eyes; optician - a person who fits eyeglasses; autopsy the examination of a dead body. |
| opt | best | optimal - the best, the most desirable; optimize - to make the best of; optimum - the best something could be. |
| ortho | straight | orthodontist - a dentist that straightens teeth; orthopedic - a doctor concerned with the proper alignment of the bones; orthography - the correct way of writing. |
| osteo | bone | osteoarthritis - inflammation caused by degeneration of the joints; |

osteopathy - therapy that uses among others manipulation of the skeleton to restore health; osteology - the study of bones.

| out | goes beyond, surpasses, exceeds | Outgoing - being of lively, sharing nature; outdoing - doing better than; outdoor - outside. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| over | excessive | overconfident - more confident than is appropriate; overstock - more supplies than is desirable; overexcited - ,more excited than one should be. |
| oxy | sharp | oxymoron - combining two ideas that sharply contradict each other; oxydize - corrode a surface. |
| pale/o | anient | paleontology - study of ancient fossils; paleography - the study of ancient forms of writing; Paleolithic - period of the Stone Age. |
| pan | all, any, everyone | panacea - a cure for all diseases or problems; panorama - an all-around view; pantheism - the worship of all gods; pandemic - affecting all. |
| para | beside, beyond, abnormal, assistant | parasite - an organism that lives on and off another living being; parallel alongside and always an equal distance apart; paragraph - a portion of a writtenn document that presents a distinct idea. |
| para | protection from | parachute - protection from falling; parasol - an umbrella used to protect from the sun; |
| pater, <br> patr/i | father | paternal - relating to fathers; paternity - fatherhood; patriarch - a man who rules a group. |
| path | feeling, emotion | antipathy - a feeling of great dislike; apathy - a lack of feeling or interest; empathy - ability to understand another's feelings. |
| ped/i/e | foot, feet | pedal - a lever pushed by the foot; pedestrian - one who walks; pedicure cosmetic treatment of feet and toes. |
| pel | drive, force | compel - to force someone to act; expel - to drive someone out of a place; repel - to force back. |
| pent/a | five | pentagon - shape having 5 angles and 5 sides, pentagram - a five-pointed star formerly used as a symbolic figure in magic; pentathlon - an athletic contest that includes five events. |
| pept, peps | digestion | dyspepsia - abnormal digestion; peptic - aiding digestion; pepsin - a digestive enzyme. |
| per | through, throughout | permanent - lasting throughout all time; permeate - to spread throughout; persist - to continue for a long time; perennial - lasting through many years. |
| peri | around, enclosing | periodontal - pertaining to bone and tissue around a tooth; peripheral - lying |

outside of the center; perimeter - the outer boundary of an area.

| phag/e | to eat | esophagus - muscular tube that carries food to the stomach; anthropophagy or sarcophagy - cannibalism; xylophagous - feeding on wood. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| phil/o | love, friend | philanthropist - one who loves humanity; philology - the love of words; philosophy - the love of wisdom; bibliophil - loving books. |
| phon/o /e/y | sound | cacophony - loud, unpleasant sounds; microphone - a device that records and amplifies sound; phonetic - relating to human speech sounds. |
| phot/o | light | photogenic - caused by light; photograph - image made on light-sensitive film; photon - the smallest possible unit of light. |
| phyll/o | leaf | chlorophyll - a group of green pigments found in leaves; phyllotaxis - the arrangement of leaves on a stem; phyllite - a rock that forms sheets, similar to slate. |
| phys | nature, medicine, the body | physical - relating to the body; physician - a doctor; physique - nature and shape of one's body. |
| phyt/o/e | plant, to grow | epiphyte - a plant growing independently on the surface of another; hydrophyte - a plant that grows only in water; neophyte - a beginner, especially a person recently converted to a new belief. |
| plas/t/m | to form, development, forming cells | protoplasm - something that is the first made or formed, also the living portion of a cell; plastic - able to be formed, especially when warm; plaster a mixture of lime, sand and water that forms a smooth solid covering for walls. |
| pneum/o | breathing, lung, spirit | pneumonia - inflammation of the lungs; pneumatic - using the force of air; dyspnea - difficulty breathing. |
| pod/e | foot | podiatrist - a doctor for the feet; podium - a small platform to stand on; tripod - a stand or frame with 3 legs. |
| poli | city | metropolis - a large city; police - people who work for the government to maintain order in a city; politics - actions of a government or political party. |
| poly | many, more than one | polychrome - with many colors; polyglot - a person fluent in many languages; polygon - shape with 3 or more straight sides. |
| pon | place, put | opponent - a person who places him/herself against an action, idea, etc.; postpone - to put off doing something. |
| pop | people | popular - appealing to a lot of people; population - all of the people who live in a particular area; populist - a supporter of the rights of people. |
| port | carry | export - to carry goods out of a place to another; portable - able to be |

carried; porter - a person who carries luggage.

| pos | place, put | deposit - to place or drop something; expose to place out into the open for all to see; position - the place where someone is. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| post | after, behind | posthumous - after someone's death; postpone - to delay something; postscript - an addition to an already completed document. |
| pre | earlier, before, in front of | preamble - a part in front of a formal document; prepare - to get ready in advance; prediction - a statement foretelling the future. |
| pro | before, in front of, for, forward | prognosis - a prediction of what will happen; prologue - a passage before the main part; prophet - a person who foretells the future. |
| prot/o | primitive, first, chief | prototype - the first of a kind; proton - on of the very basic parts of an atom; protocol - a first draft from which a document is prepared. |
| pseud/o | wrong,false | pseudonym - a fictitious name; pseudoscience - theories presumed without proof of a scientific nature; pseudopregnancy - a false pregnancy. |
| psych/o | mind, mental | psyche - the human spirit or soul; psychic - relating to the human mind or someone who has supernatural mental abilities; psychology - the study of the mind. |
| pugn/a, pung | to fight | pugnacious - having a quarrelsome or aggressive nature; repugnant distasteful, offensive or revolting; pungent - piercing. |
| p | urge | compulsion - a very strong urge; expulsion - to someone out; impulsive having a spontaneous urge to do something. |
| purg | clean | purge - remove anything undesirable; purgatory - according to Roman Catholics a place where souls must clean themselves of sin; expurgate remove objectionable passages from a publication. |
| put | think | computer - an electronic thinking device; dispute - to disagree with what another person thinks; input - contribution of one's thinking. |
| pyr/o | fire, heat | pyrotechnics - the art of making fireworks; pyrometer - a thermometer for measuring high temperature; pyretic - relating to or producing fever. |
| quad/r/ri | four | quadrant - open space with buildings on 4 sides; quadrennium - period of 4 years; quadruped - a 4-footed animal. |
| quart | fourth | quarter - one fourth; quart - a fourth of a gallon; quartet - a musical composition or group involving 4 voices or instruments. |
| quin/t | five, fifth | quintett - a composition for 5 voices or instruments; quintessence - pure essence, based on the ancient philosophy that there was a fifth element that was present in all things; quintuple - fivefold. |


| radic, <br> radix | root | eradicate - pull out at the roots; radical - fundamental, looking at things from a drastic point of view; radish - an edible root of the mustard family. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| radio | radiation, ray | radioactive - emitting radiation; radiologist - someone diagnosing or treating via radiation. |
| ram/i | branch | ramification - the resulting consequence of a decision; ramify - to spread or branch out; ramus - a branchlike part. |
| re | again, back, backward | rebound -to spring back again; rewind - to wind something backward; reaction: a response; recognize: to identify someone or something seen before. |
| reg | guide, rule | regent - a person who rules on behalf of a king or queen; regime - a government that rules; regulate - to apply a rule. |
| retro | backward, back | retroactive - relating to something in the past; retrogress - to go back to an earlier condition; retrospect - the remembering of past events. |
| rhin/o | nose | rhinoceros - a species of animals with a big horn on the snout; rhinoplasty surgery of the nose; rhinovirus - viruses that are causing the common cold. |
|  |  | rhododendron - a flower with red/pink flowers; rhodium - an element which |
| rhod/o | red | produces a red solution; rhodopsin - a purple pigment in the retina that is needed for vision. |
| rid | laugh | deride - to make fun of someone; ridicule - to make fun or mock; ridiculous silly, causing laughter. |
| rrh/ea <br> /oea/ag | flow, discharge | diarrhea - abnormally excessive bowl movement; hemorrhage - heavy blood flow; catarrh - inflammation of a mucous membrane, especially the nose and throat. |
| rub | red | ruby - deep red color and a precious stone of the same color; rubella measles; bilirubin - reddish pigment in bile. |
| rupt | break, burst | bankrupt - unable to pay because you're "broke"; interrupt - to break into a conversation or event, to disturb; rupture - a break in something. |
| san | health | sane - mentally healthy; sanitary - relating to cleanliness and health; sanitation - maintenance of public health and cleanliness. |
| scend | climb, go | ascend - to climb upward; crescendo - a climbing up of the volume of music; descend - to go or climb down. |
| sci | know | conscience - sense of knowing right from wrong; conscious - knowing what is happening; omniscient - knowing everything. |
| scler/o | hard | arteriosclerosis - hardening of the arterial walls; multiple sclerosis - disease |


|  |  | which causes the tissue of the brain and spinal cord to harden; sclerometer instrument for measuring hardness. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| scop/e/y | see, examine, observe | microscope - a device used to see tiny things; periscope - a seeing instrument on a submarine; telescope - a device used to see over a distance. |
| scrib, script | write, written | inscribe - to write letters or words on a surface; scribe - a person who writes out documents; describe - to represent with words or pictures. |
| se | apart | secede - to formally break away from; seclude - to keep away from; serum a liquid isolated out of another. |
| sect | cut | dissect - to cut apart piece by piece; intersection - the place or point where two things cross each other; bisect - to cut into two equal parts. |
| self | of, for, or by itself | self-discipline - the ability to discipline yourself; self-respect - respect for yourself; selfish concerned only with your own interests. |
| semi | half, partial | semiannual - every half year; semicircle - half a circle; semiconscious partly conscious; semiannual - every half of a year. |
| sept/i | seven | September - this used to be the seventh month in the Roman calendar; septet - a group of seven musicians; septuagenarian - a person in his/her seventies. |
| serv | save, keep | conserve - to save or keep something safe; preserve - to save something; reservation - a place kept for a person. |
| sex | six | sextet or sextette - a composition or group of six, sextuple - sixfold; sexagenarian - person in his/her sixties. |
| sol | alone | desolate - lonely, dismal, gloomy; solitary - done alone, by yourself; solo - a performance done by one person alone. |
| sol | sun | solar - involving the sun; parasol - umbrella protecting from the sun; solarium - a room where one is exposed to sun light. |
| somn/l | sleep | insomnia - inability to fall asleep; somniloquy - talking in your sleep; somnolent - feeling sleepy. |
| son | sound | consonant - a speech sound; sonorous - producing loud, full, rich sounds; supersonic - faster than sound; unison - as one voice. |
| soph | wise | philosopher - a wise person; sophisticated - wise about the ways of the world; sophism - a clever but misleading argument. |
| spec/t, spic | see, look | circumspect - cautious, looking all around; retrospective - a looking back at past things; spectator - a person who sees an event. |


| sphere | ball | biosphere - the whole round surface of the earth; hemisphere - half the earth spherically shaped like a ball. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| spir | breathe | inspire - to stimulate or animate; transpire - to give of vapor with waste product through the skin or a membrane; spirit - invisible life force. |
| sta | stand | stable - standing steady and firm; stagnant - standing still, not moving; stationary - at a standstill, fixed. |
| stell | star | constellation - a group of stars that forms a pattern; interstellar - between the stars; stellar - relating to stars. |
| struct | build | construct - to build; destruction - the act of destroying something that was built; structure - something built; infrastructure - underlying framework of a system. |
| sub | under, lower than, inferior to | submarine - an underwater boat; submerge - to put underwater; substandard - inferior to accepted standards. |
| sum | highest | sum - the combined total of everything; summation - the total, highest amount; summit the highest point or top. |
| super | higher in quality or quantity | Super bowl - the final annual football game; superior - above average, better in quality; supersonic - faster than the speed of sound. |
| sy/m <br> /n/l/s | together, with, same | symmetry -similarity in size, form or arrangement; synergy - the combined effect; synchronize - to cause to occur at the same time. |
| tact, tang | touch | contact - a state in which two things touch; tactile - relating to the sense of touch; tangible - able to be touched; intact - with nothing missing. |
| tax/o | arrangement | syntax - the systematic arrangement of words; taxonomy - the science of classification; ataxia - loss of the ability to coordinate muscle action. |
| techno | technique, skill | technology - the practical application of knowledge; technocracy - rule of technology; technologically - characterized by technology. |
| tel/e/o | far, distant, complete | telephone - a device to talk to a distant person; telescope - a device to view distant objects; television - a device to receive pictures from afar; telecommuting - working remotely, bridging the distance via virtual devices. |
| temp/or | time | contemporary - existing at the same time; temporal - relating to time; temporary - lasting for a limited time. |
| term/ina | end, limit | determine - to find something out at the end of an investigation; terminate to end; exterminate - to destroy or get rid of completely. |
| terr/a/i | land, earth | extraterrestrial - existing outside the earth; terrain - ground or land; territory an area of land. |


| tetra | four | tetrapod - having 4 legs; tetrarchy - government by 4 rulers; tetrose - a monosaccharide with four carbon atoms. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| the/o | god | monotheism - belief in one god; polytheism - worshiping more than one god; theology - the study of religion, god, etc. |
| therm/o | heat | thermal - relating to heat; thermos - an insulated jar that keeps heat in; thermostat - a device that controls heat. |
| tort | twist | contortion - a twisted shape or position; distort - to alter the shape or condition of; retort - reply in a manner that is supposed to change the effect of something previously said. |
| tox | poison | detoxification - the process of removing poisons; toxic - poisonous; toxicology - the study of poisons; intoxicated - influenced by drugs. |
| tract | pull, drag | attract - to pull objects nearer; distract - to drag attention away from something; tractor - a motor vehicle that pulls things. |
| trans | across,beyond, through | transcontinental - across the continent; transfer - to move from one place to another; transport - to carry something across a space. |
| tri | three, once in every three, third | triangle - a figure with 3 sides and 3 angles; triathlon - an athletic contest with 3 events; tricycle - a 3 -wheel vehicle with pedals. |
| ultra | beyond, extreme, more than | ultrahigh - extremely high; ultramodern - more modern than anything else; ultrasonic - sound waves beyond human hearing. |
| un | not,opposite of, lacking | unabridged - not shortened; unfair - opposite of fair; unfriendly - lacking friendliness. |
| uni | one, single | unicycle - a vehicle with one wheel; unilateral - decided by only one person or nation; unique - the only one of its kind; unison - as one voice. |
| urb | city | suburb - residential area on the edge of a city; urban - relating to a city; urbanology - the study of city life. |
| vac | empty | evacuate - to empty a dangerous place; vacant - empty, not occupied; vacation - a time without work. |
| ven/t | come | circumvent - to go around or bypass restrictions; convention - a gathering or assembly of people with a common interest; intervene - to come between. |
| ver/l | truth | veracious - truthful, honest; veracity - the truth; verify - to make sure that something is true. |
| verb | word | verbalize - to put into words; adverb - a word relating to a verb; proverb - a short saying that expresses a well-known truth. |


| vers, <br> vert | turn | reverse - to turn around; introvert - being turned towards the inside; version a variation of an original; controversy - a conversation in which positions are turned against each other. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| vice | acting in place of, next in rank | vice-president - the person next in rank to the president |
| vid | see | evident clearly seen |
| vince, vic | conquer | convince - to win someone over; invincible - not able to be conquered; victory - the conquest of an enemy. |
| vis, vid | see | vision - the ability to see; envision - to picture in the mind; evident - clearly visible. |
| viv/i vit | live, life | revival - the act of bringing back to life; vital - pertaining to live; vivacious -high-spirited and full of life. |
| voc/i | voice, call | advocate - to speak in favor of; equivocate - to use misleading language that could be interpreted two different ways; vocalize - to produce with your voice. |
| vol/i/u | wish, will | benevolent - showing good will and kindness; volition - the act of making a choice or decision, voluntary - resulting from your own free will. |
| vor, vour | eat | carnivorous - meat-eating; voracious - desiring or eating food in great quantities; devour - to eat quickly. |
| xen/o | foreign | xenophobic - afraid of foreigners; xenogenesis - the creation of offspring that is completely different from either parent; xenophile - attracted to foreigners. |
| xer/o/l | dry | xerophyte - a plant that grows in dry climate; xerography - a dry photocopying process; xeric - requiring small amounts of moisture. |
| zo/0 | animal life | zoology - study of animals; zooid - resembling an animal; zooplankton minute floating aquatic animals. |
| zyg/o | pair | zygote - a cell formed by the union of two gametes and the organism developing from that; zygomorphic - pertaining to organisms that can be divided into symmetrical halves along one axis only. |

## List 2: Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes

This list might make a good scope/sequence for your studies as it tells the origins and the list is arranged in easy to read categories.

| BASE | MEANING | ORIGIN |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| act | to act | Latin |
| acu, acr, ac | needle | Latin |
| alt | high | Latin |
| anima, anim | life, mind | Latin |
| ann, enn | year | Latin |
| anthrop | man | Greek |
| aqua | water | Latin |
| arch, archi | govern, rule | Greek |
| arm | army, weapon | Latin |
| arbitr, arbiter | to judge, consider | Latin |
| art | craft, skill | Latin |
| arthr, art | segment, joint | Greek |
| aud | to hear | Latin |
| bell | war | Latin |
| biblio, bibl | book | Greek |
| bio | life | Greek |
| capit, cipit | head | Latin |
| caus | cause, case, lawsuit | Latin |
| cede | to go, yield | Latin |
| cele | honor | Latin |
| cell | to rise, project | Latin |
| cent | one hundred | Latin |
| cept, capt, cip, cap, ceive, ceipt | to take, hold, grasp | Latin |
| cert | sure, to trust | Latin |
| cess, ced | to move, withdraw | Latin |
| cid, cis | to cut off, be breif, to kill | Latin |
| circ, circum | around | Latin |
| civ | citizen | Latin |
| claud | close, shut, block | Latin |


| clin | to lean, lie, bend |  | Latin |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cog | to know |  | Latin |  |
| column | a column |  | Latin |  |
| comput | to compute |  | Latin |  |
| cont | to join, unite |  | Latin |  |
| cor, cord, cour, card | heart |  | Latin |  |
| corp | body |  | Latin |  |
| cosm | world, order, universe |  | Greek |  |
| crac, crat | rule, govern |  | Greek |  |
| cred | believe, trust |  | Latin |  |
| crit, cris | separate, discern, judge |  | Latin |  |
| culp | fault, blame |  | Latin |  |
| curs, curr, corr | to run |  | Latin |  |
| custom | one's own |  | Latin |  |
| dem | people |  | Greek |  |
| dent, odon | tooth |  | Latin |  |
| derm | skin |  | Greek |  |
| dic, dict | to say, to speak, assert |  | Latin |  |
| duct, duc | to lead, draw |  | Latin |  |
| dur | to harden, hold out |  | Latin |  |
| BASE | MEANING |  |  | ORIGIN |
| ego | I | Latin |  |  |
| ethn | nation | Greek |  |  |
| equ | equal, fair | Latin |  |  |
| fac, fic, fect, fact | to make, to do | Latin |  |  |
| famil | family | Latin |  |  |
| fen | to strike | Latin |  |  |
| fer | to carry, bear, bring | Latin |  |  |
| fid | trust, faith | Latin |  |  |
| fin | to end | Latin |  |  |
| flu | to flow | Latin |  |  |
| form | shape, form | Latin |  |  |
| fort | chance, luck, strong | Latin |  |  |
| frig | cool | Latin |  |  |
| fum | smoke, scent | Latin |  |  |


| gam | marriage | Greek |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| gen | race, family, kind | Latin |
| geo | earth | Greek |
| gno, kno | to know | Greek |
| grad, gred, gress | step, degree, rank | Latin |
| graph, gram | write, draw, describe, record | Greek |
| grat | pleasure, thankful, goodwill, joy | Latin |
| grav, griev, grief | heavy | Latin |
| gymn | naked | Greek |
| hab | to have, hold, dwell | Latin |
| hom | man, human | Latin |
| hosp | guest, host | Latin |
| host | enemy, stranger | Latin |
| hydro | water | Greek |
| hygiene | the art of health | Greek |
| hypno | sleep | Greek |
| init | to begin, enter upon | Latin |
| jur, jus, jud | law, right | Latin |
| juven | young | Latin |
| labor, lab | work | Latin |
| lat | lateral, side, wide | Latin |
| laud | praise | Latin |
| leg, lig | law, to chose, perceive, understand | Latin |
| lev | to make light, raise, lift | Latin |
| liber, liver | free | Latin |
| lingu, langu | tounge | Latin |
| lith | stone | Greek |
| loc | place | Latin |
| locu, loqu | word, speak | Latin |
| $\log$ | idea, word, speech, reason, study | Greek |
| luc, lum | light | Latin |
| man | hand | Latin |
| mar | sea | Latin |


| med, medi | middle L | Latin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| medic | physician, to heal Lat |  |
| BASE | MEANING | ORIGIN |
| memor | mindful | Latin |
| men, min, mon | to think, remind, advise, warn | Latin |
| ment | mind | Latin |
| meter, metr | measure | Greek |
| migr | to move, travel | Latin |
| mim | copy, imitate | Greek |
| mit, mis | to send | Latin |
| mor | fool, manner, custom | Greek |
| morph | form | Greek |
| mort | death | Latin |
| mov, mob, mot | to move | Latin |
| mus | little mouse | Latin |
| mut | change, exchange | Latin |
| necess | unavoidable | Latin |
| neur, nerv | nerve | Greek |
| noc, nox | night, harm | Latin |
| nomen, nomin | name | Latin |
| null, nihil, nil | nothing, void | Latin |
| nym, onym, onom | name | Greek |
| opt | eye | Greek |
| ord, ordin | order | Latin |
| ortho | straight | Greek |
| par, pair | arrange, prepare, get ready, set | Latin |
| part, pars | portion, part | Latin |
| ped, pes | foot | Latin |
| pend, pond, pens | to weigh, pay, consider | Latin |
| phe, fa, fe | speak, spoken about | Greek |
| phil | love | Greek |
| phon | sound, voice | Greek |
| photo | light | Greek |
| pler | to fill | Latin |


| plic | to fold | Latin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| plur, plus | more | Latin |
| pneu | breath | Greek |
| polis, polit | citizen, city, state | Greek |
| port | to carry | Latin |
| pos | to place, put | Latin |
| pot | powerfull | Latin |
| prim, prin | first | Latin |
| priv | seperate | Latin |
| prob | to prove, test | Latin |
| psych | mind, soul, spirit | Greek |
| pyr | fire | Greek |
| reg, rig, rect, reign | government, rule, right, straight | Latin |
| respond | to answer | Latin |
| rupt | break, burst | Latin |
| sacr, secr, sacer | sacred | Latin |
| sat | to please | Latin |
| sci | to know | Latin |
| scope | to see | Greek |
| Base | Meaning | Origin |
| scrib, script | to write | Latin |
| sed, sid, sess | to sit, to settle | Latin |
| sent, sens | to feel | Latin |
| sequ, secut | to follow, sequence | Latin |
| simil, simul, sembl | together, likeness, pretense | Latin |
| sol, soli | alone, lonely | Latin |
| solus | to comfort, to console | Latin |
| somn | sleep | Latin |
| son | sound | Latin |
| soph | wise | Greek |
| spec, spect, spic | to look at, behold | Latin |
| spond, spons | to pledge, promise | Latin |
| tac, tic | silent | Latin |
| techn | art, skill | Greek |


| temp | time | Latin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ten, tain, tent | to hold | Latin |
| tend, tens | to give heed, stretch toward | Latin |
| term | boundary, limit | Latin |
| test | to witness, affirm | Latin |
| the, them, thet | to place, put | Greek |
| theatr | to see, view | Greek |
| theo | god | Greek |
| topo | place | Greek |
| tract | to pull, draw | Latin |
| trib | to allot, give | Latin |
| vac | empty | Latin |
| ven | to come | Latin |
| ver | truth | Latin |
| vers, vert | to turn | Latin |
| vest | to adorn | Latin |
| vestig | to track | Latin |
| via | way, road | Latin |
| vir | manliness, worth | Latin |
| vis, vid | to see, to look | Latin |
| viv, vit | life | Latin |
| voc, vok | voice, call | Latin |

Prefix List

| Base | Meaning | Origin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ab | away | Latin |
| acro | top, tip, end | Greek |
| ad, ac, at, as, ap, am, an, ar, ag, af | to, toward, at | Latin |
| ambi | around, both | Latin |
| amphi | both, of oth sides, around | Greek |
| ant, anti | against | Greek |
| ante | before | Latin |
| apo, ap, aph | away from, off | Greek |
| archa, arshae | old, ancient | Greek |


| auto | self | Greek |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ben, bon | good, well | Latin |
| bi | two | Latin |
| co, con, com | together, with | Latin |
| contra, contro | against | Latin |
| de | from, away, off | Latin |
| deca, dec, deka | ten | Greek |
| di, dis | two, twice | Greek |
| dia | through, across | Greek |
| dis, dif | apart, away, not, to deprive | Latin |
| du | double, two | Latin |
| dys | difficult, bad | Greek |
| e, ex, ec | out, beyond, from, out of, forth | Latin |
| ecto | outside of | Greek |
| en | in give [intensifier] | Latin |
| endo, ento | within | Greek |
| ep, epi | upon, at, in addition | Greek |
| eu | good, well | Greek |
| extra | beyond | Latin |
| fore | before | Anglo-Saxon |
| hemi | half | Greek |
| hetero | various, unlike | Greek |
| hier | sacred | Greek |
| holo | whole | Greek |
| homo | same | Greek |
| hyper | above, beyond | Greek |
| hypo, hyp | under, less than | Greek |
| ideo, idea | idea | Greek |
| in, ir, im, il | not, without | Latin |
| in, im | in, on, upon, into, toward | Latin |
| inter | between | Latin |
| intro | within | Latin |
| iso | equal | Greek |
| kilo | thousand | Greek |
| macro | long, large | Greek |


|  | great |  | Latin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| magn, mag, meg, maj mal | bad, ill |  | Latin |
| mega | great |  | Greek |
| met, meta, meth | among, with, after, beyond |  | Greek |
| micro | small |  | Greek |
| migr | to move, travel | Latin |  |
| mill | thousand | Latin |  |
| mis | less, wrong | Latin |  |
| mono | one | Greek |  |
| multi | many, much | Latin |  |
| neo | new | Greek |  |
| non, ne | not | Latin |  |
| o, ob, oc, of, op | against, toward | Latin |  |
| omni | all | Latin |  |
| paleo | long ago, ancient | Greek |  |
| pan, panto | all, every | Greek |  |
| para | beside, beyond | Latin |  |
| penta | five | Greek |  |
| per | through | Latin |  |
| peri | around, about | Greek |  |
| pre | before | Latin |  |
| pro | before, forward, forth | Latin |  |
| pronto | first | Greek |  |
| poly | many | Greek |  |
| post | after | Latin |  |
| pseudo | false, counterfeit | Greek |  |
| quad, quatr | four | Latin |  |
| re | again, anew, back | Latin |  |
| retro | back, backward, behind | Latin |  |
| se, sed | apart, aside, away | Latin |  |
| semi | half | Latin |  |
| sover | above, over | Latin |  |
| sub | under, below, up from below | Latin |  |
| super, supra | above, down, thoroughle | Latin |  |
| syn, sym, syl | together, with | Greek |  |


| tele | far off | Greek |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| trans | over, across | Latin |
| tri | three | Latin |
| un | not | Latin |
| uni | one | Latin |

Noun forming suffixes

| Suffix | Meaning | Origin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| age | belongs to | Latin |
| ance | state of being | Latin |
| ant | thing or one who | Latin |
| ar | relating to, like | Latin |
| ary | relating to, like | Latin |
| ence | state, fact, quality | Latin |
| ent | to form | Latin |
| ic | nature of-feminine ending | batin \& Greek |
| ine | act, condition | Latin |
| ion, tion, ation | one who | Latin \& Greek |
| ism | a means, product, act, state | Latin |
| ist | person or thing that | Latin |
| ive | place for | Latin |
| ment | condition of, quality of | Latin |
| or | creats abstract noun | Greek \& Anglo-Saxon |
| ory |  |  |
| ty |  |  |
| y |  |  |

## Adjective forming suffixes

| Suffix | Meaning | Origin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| able | capable of being | Latin |
| al | like, suitable for | Latin |


| ance | state of being | Latin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ant | thing or one who | Latin |
| ar | relating to, like | Latin |
| ary | relating to, like | Latin |
| ate | to become associated with | Latin |
| ent | to form | Latin |
| ial | function of | Latin |
| ible | capable of being | Latin |
| ic | like, having the nature of | Latin \& Greek |
| ine | nature of-feminine ending | Latin |
| ive | of, belonging to, quality of | Latin |
| ory | place for | Latin |
| ous | characterized by, having quality of | Greek \& Anglo-Saxon |
| y | quality, somewhat like |  |

## Verb forming suffixes

| Suffix | Meaning | Origin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ate | to become associated with | Latin |
| fy | make, do | Latin |
| ise, ize | to become like | Latin |

## Adverb forming suffixes

| Suffix | Meaning | Origin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ic | like, having the nature of | Latin \& Greek |
| ly | like, to extent of | Latin |

Compiled by the Kent School District:

## List 3: Prefix List

I included this one for its examples (to use in our learning sessions)

| Prefix | Meaning | Examples |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a,an | lacking, not, without | atypical, anonymous, anarchy, apathy |
| ana | up, back, again | anachronism, anagram, analogy |
| anti | against, opposing | antithesis, antisocial, antiseptic |
| arch, archi | chief, first | architect, archetype, archbishop |
| dia | across, apart, through, between | diagnose, dialogue, diameter |
| en, em | in, among, within | enliven, empathy |
| epi | on, outside, over, outer | epidermis, epitaph, epilogue |
| eu | good, well | euphony, euphemism, eulogy |
| hetero | other | heterogeneous, heterodox |
| homo | same | homogeneous, homonym, homograph |
| hyper | excessive, over | hyperactive, hyperbole, hypercritical |
| hyp, hypo | under, beneath | hypodermic, hypotenuse, hypocrite |
| in, il, im, ir | in(to), within, not, opposing | inspire, imprint, irradiate, infamy, inefficient, illegal |
| macr, macro | long, large, prominent | macrocosm, macrobiotic |
| meta, met | change of, over, beyond | metaphor, metabolism, metaphysics |
| micro | small | microfilm, microscope, microbe |
| neo | new, latest of a period | neon, neologism, neophyte, neocene, NeoHebraic |
| orth | straight, right | orthodonture, orthopedics, orthodox |
| para, par | beside, beyond, variation | paradox, paraphrase, parenthesis |
| pro | before, forward | program, produce, provision, progress |
| proto | first | proton, protozoa, prototype |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { syn, sym, syl, } \\ & \text { sys } \end{aligned}$ | together | synthesize, symphony, synchronize |
| tele | far, distant | telegraph, telepathy, telescope |
| thermo | heat | thermometer, thermonuclear |
| topo | place | topography |
| zoo | living | zoology |

http://www.donnayoung.org/english/sp/greek_prefixes.htm

## List 4: Greek Roots

Again, I chose this for its examples.
(Source: Infoplease) The following table lists some common Greek roots.

| Greek root | Basic meaning | Example words |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| -anthrop- | human | misanthrope, philanthropy, anthropomorphic |
| -chron- | time | anachronism, chronic, chronicle, synchronize, <br> chronometer |
| -dem- | people | democracy, demography, demagogue, endemic, <br> pandemic |
| -morph- | form | amorphous, metamorphic, morphology |
| -path- | feeling, suffering | empathy, sympathy, apathy, apathetic, psychopathic |
| -pedo-, - <br> ped- | child, children | pediatrician, pedagogue |
| philo-, - <br> phil- | having a strong affinity or <br> love for | philanthropy, philharmonic, philosophy |
| -phon- | sound | polyphonic, cacophony, phonetics |

## List 5: Greek Prefixes

The following table gives a list of Greek prefixes and their basic meanings.

| Greek prefix | Basic meaning | Example words |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a-, an- | without | achromatic, amoral, atypical, anaerobic |
| anti-, ant- | opposite; opposing | anticrime, antipollution, antacid |
| auto- | self, same | autobiography, automatic, autopilot |
| bio-, bi- | life, living organism | biology, biophysics, biotechnology, biopsy |
| geo- | Earth; geography | geography, geomagnetism, geophysics, geopolitics |
| hyper- | excessive, <br> excessively | hyperactive, hypercritical, hypersensitive |
| micro- | small | microcosm, micronucleus, microscope |
| mono- | one, single, alone | monochrome, monosyllable, monoxide |
| neo- | new, recent | neonatal, neophyte, neoconservatism, neofascism, |
| neodymium |  |  |$|$| panorama, panchromatic, pandemic, pantheism |
| :--- |
| pan- |
| all |
| thermo-, |
| therm- |

## List 6: Greek Suffixes List

Words and word roots may also combine with suffixes. Here are examples of some important English suffixes that come from Greek:

| Greek suffix | Basic meaning | Example words |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -ism | forms nouns and means "the act, state, or theory of" | criticism, optimism, capitalism |
| -ist | forms agent nouns from verbs ending in -ize or nouns ending in -ism and is used like -er | conformist, copyist, cyclist |
| -ize | forms verbs from nouns and adjectives | formalize, jeopardize, legalize, modernize, emphasize, hospitalize, industrialize, computerize |
| -gram | something written or drawn, a record | cardiogram, telegram |
| -graph | something written or drawn; an instrument for writing, drawing, or recording | monograph, phonograph, seismograph |
| -logue, $\log$ | speech, discourse; to speak | monologue, dialogue, travelogue |
| -logy | discourse, expression; science, theory, study | phraseology, biology, dermatology |
| -meter, metry | measuring device; measure | spectrometer, geometry, kilometer, parameter, perimeter |
| -oid | forms adjectives and nouns and means "like, resembling" or "shape, form" | humanoid, spheroid, trapezoid |
| -phile | one that loves or has a strong affinity for; loving | audiophile, Francophile |
| -phobe, phobia | one that fears a specified thing; an intense fear of a specified thing | agoraphobe, agoraphobia, xenophobe, xenophobia |
| -phone | sound; device that receives or emits sound; speaker of a language | homophone, geophone, telephone, Francophone |

