

Common Latin Roots

Latin Root	Definition	Examples
ambi	both	ambiguous, ambidextrous
bene	good	benefactor, benevolent
circum	around	circumference, circumstance
contra/counter	against	contradict, encounter
dict	say	dictation, dictator
fort	strength	fortitude, fortress
fract	break	fracture, fraction
jud	judge	judicial, prejudice
mal	bad	malevolent, malefactor
mort	death	mortal, mortician
port	carry	portable, transportation
scrib/scribe	write	inscription, prescribe
spect	look	inspection, spectator
struct	build	destruction, restructure
voc	voice	vocalize, advocate

Common Greek Roots		
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anthropo	human	anthropologist, philanthropy
auto	self	autobiography, automobile
bio	life	biology, biography
chron	time	chronological, chronic
mis/miso	hate	misanthrope, misogyny
mono	one	monologue, monotonous
morph	shape	morphology, morphing
phil	love	philanthropist, philosophy
pseudo	false	pseudonym, pseudoscience
scope	view	microscope, telescope
therm	heat	thermal, thermometer

Common Prefixes		
Prefix	Definition	Examples
de-	opposite	devalue
dis-, dys	opposite	discover, dysfunctional
fore-	before	foreshadow, forearm
in-, im-, il-, ir-	not	indirect, immoral, illiterate, irreverent
inter-	between	interrupt
mis-	wrongly	misspell
re-	again	rewrite
semi-	half	semifinal
sub-	under	subway
trans-	across	transmit
un-	opposite	unusual