

## Greek and Latin Roots for Language Arts

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<b>Root</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Example</b>
mob, mot, mov	move	<u>mobile</u> , <u>motion</u> , <u>movie</u>
duc, duct	lead	<u>conduct</u>
ven, vent	come	<u>convention</u>
jud	judge	<u>judgment</u>
ject	throw, hurl	<u>eject</u>
vid/vis	see	<u>video</u> , <u>vision</u>
dic/dict	speak, say, tell	<u>dictionary</u>
flect/flex	bend	<u>reflection</u> , <u>flexible</u>
scrib/script	write	<u>prescribe</u>
doc	teach	<u>document</u>
sens/sent	feel	<u>sensitive</u>
mem/ment	mind	<u>memory</u> , <u>mental</u>
not	note, mark	<u>note</u>
miss, mit	send	<u>transmit</u> , <u>mission</u>
voc	voice, call	<u>vocal</u>
port	carry	<u>airport</u>
spec, spect, spic	look, see	<u>spectator</u>
tain, ten, tent	hold	<u>contain</u> , <u>attention</u>
schola	school	<u>scholar</u>

## Greek and Latin Roots - Math

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<b>Root</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Example</b>
graph/gram	write, draw, describe	<u>para</u> graph
form	form or shape	<u>forma</u> tion, <u>uni</u> form
rupt	break	interr <u>upt</u>
fract, frag	break	<u>fract</u> ure, <u>frag</u> ment
junct	join	<u>junction</u>
meter, metr	measure	<u>meter</u>
circum	around, about	<u>circum</u> ference
gen	birth, race, kind	<u>gen</u> erate
div	separate	<u>div</u> ide
ques	ask, seek	<u>ques</u> tion
grad	step, stage	<u>grad</u> uate, <u>grad</u> ual
fer	carry, bear	trans <u>fer</u> , <u>ferry</u>
var	different	<u>vari</u> ety, <u>vary</u>
pon, pos, posit	place, put	de <u>posit</u> , <u>posit</u> ion
funct	perform	<u>funct</u> ion
equi	equal	<u>equi</u> distance, <u>equi</u> lateral
cede, cede, cess	go, yield, give away	re <u>cede</u>
loc, locat	place	<u>loc</u> ation

## Greek and Latin Roots - Science

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log	word, reason, study	ge <u>ology</u>
graph/gram	write, draw, describe	para <u>graph</u>
scope	see	tele <u>scope</u>
photo	light	<u>photo</u> graph
phon	sound	<u>phon</u> ograph
geo	earth	<u>ge</u> ology
tele	far, distant	<u>tele</u> vision
phob	fear	claustr <u>oph</u> obia
psych	mind, soul, spirit	<u>psych</u> ic
cycl	circle, ring	<u>bicy</u> cle
therm	heat	<u>therm</u> ometer
mech	machine	<u>mech</u> anical
bio	life	<u>bio</u> graphy
chron	time	<u>chron</u> ological
opt	visible	<u>opt</u> ical
cardi	heart	<u>cardi</u> ac
hydr	water	<u>hydr</u> ophobic
meter, metr	measure	<u>met</u> er
phys	nature	<u>phys</u> ical

## Greek and Latin Roots – Social Studies

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theo	god	<u>theology</u>
ortho	straight, correct	<u>orthodox</u>
dem	people	<u>democracy</u>
geo	earth	<u>geology</u>
turb	confusion	<u>disturb</u>
div	separate	<u>divide</u>
liber	free	<u>liberty</u>
ques	ask, seek	<u>question</u>
mort	death	<u>mortal</u>
cede, ceed, cess	go, yield, give away	<u>secede</u>
form	form or shape	<u>uniform</u>
rupt	break	<u>disrupt</u>
poli	city	<u>police</u>
cycl	circle, ring	<u>recycle</u>
mob, mot, mov	move	<u>movie</u>
duc, duct	lead	<u>conduct</u>
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loc, locat	place	<u>locate</u>