

Common Greek Roots

<i>Root</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Example</i>
aero	air	aerodynamic
anthropo	human being	anthropology
astro	star	astrology
auto	self	autobiography
biblio	book	bibliography
bio	life	biology
chron	time	chronology
crat	rule	autocrat
dem	people	democracy
geo	earth	geology
graph	write, record	photograph
homo	similar	homogeneous
hydro	water, liquid	hydrodynamic
macro	large	macroeconomics
meter	measure	thermometer
micro	small	microscope
pathos	feelings of pity or sorrow	sympathy
phone	sound	telephone
photo	light	photosynthesis
psych	mind	psychology
scope	instrument for observing	telescope
tele	distance	telegram
theo	god	theocracy
therm	heat	thermometer
zoo	animal	zoology

Common Latin Roots

<i>Root</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Example</i>
amicus	friend	amicable
aqua	water	aquatic
aud	hear	audible
bat	to beat	combat
cred	believe	credible
dic/dict	say	diction
fend	to ward off	defend
fid	trust, have faith	fidelity
flect	bend	reflect
form	shape	formation
grad	step	gradual
grat	pleasing	gratify
jud/jur/jus	law	judiciary, jury, justice
lumen	light	luminous
mis/mit	send	transmission, transmit
mort	to die	mortal
ped	foot	pedestrian
pel, puls	push, drive	pulse, propel

plac	make calm	placid
port	carry	portable
rupt	break	rupture
scrib/script	write	inscription
spect	look, see, observe	inspect
spire	breathe	perspire
struct	build, form	construct
tract	pull, drag	tractor
vert, verse	turn	convert, reverse
vid/vis	see	video, visual

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