

Common Greek Roots

Root	Meaning	Example
arch	chief	monarch, archbishop, archenemy
ast	star	astronaut, astronomy, asterisk
bio	life	biology, biography , biopsy
cycl	circle, ring	bicycle, cyclone , encyclopedia
gram	letter, written	telegram, diagram, grammar, epigram
graph	write	telegraph, photograph, autograph
meter	measure	thermometer, centimeter, diameter
opt	eye	optician, optic, optometrist
phone	sound	phonograph, symphony, telephone
scope	see	microscope, periscope, stethoscope
soph	wise	philosopher, sophomore, sophisticated

Common Latin Roots

Root	Meaning	Example
act	do	action , react, actor, transact
belli	war	antebellum, belligerent, rebellion
cord	heart	cordial, accord, discord
fac	make	factory, manufacture, facsimile
fer	carry	transfer, ferry, refer, confer
miss	send	missile, dismiss, missionary
not	mark	notice, denote, notation, notable
nov	new	novel, novelty, innovate, novice
pop	people	population, popular, populace
pos	place	position, compose, deposit
rect	straight	erect, correct, rectangle, direction
spec	see	inspect, suspect, respect, spectator