

Greek and Latin Roots for Kids

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Instructions for Use: Print out the cards and cut around them. Cut through the dotted lines and have students find the matches.

The cards with words in blue are Greek root.
The cards with words in green are Latin Roots.

Answer key is at the end of the file.

Match the Greek Roots to the Meaning & Examples

anti	against opposite	antonym antibiotic antithesis
astro	star	astronomer astronaut asteroid
auto	self	autograph automobile automatic
bi	two	bicycle binoculars bifocals
bio	life	biology bionic biography

chron	time	chronology chronic chronicle
cine/kine	motion	cinema kinetic kinesthetic
cosm	universe world order	cosmos cosmetic cosmology
cracy	type of government	democracy theocracy aristocracy
cycl	circle wheel	cycle tricycle cyclone

dem	people	demograph pandemic democrat
geo	earth	geologist geography geometry
gon	angle	polygon octagon hexagon
graph/gram	drawn written	photograph graphic telegram
hemi/semi	half	hemisphere semicircle semi-annual

hydro/ hydra	water	hydrant dehydrated hydroplane
hyper	over too much	hyperactive hyperbole hypercritical
mania	madness crazy	maniac pyromaniac kleptomania
mech/mekh	machine device	mechanic mechanism machinery
mega	huge	megabyte megaplex megahertz

meter	measure of	kilometer metric speedometer
micro	small	microphone microscope microchip
mon/mono	one	monotone monogram monorail
ology	study of	geology etymology theology
pan	all, every	panorama pantheism pandemic

path	suffering disease	apathy sympathy homeopathy
penta	five	pentagon pentacost pentameter
phobia	fear	claustrophobia agoraphobia arachnophobia
phon/phono	sound	phonograph telephone phonics
photo	light	photograph photon photosynthesis

phys	nature body	physical physics physician
pod/ped	foot	podiatrist tripod pedal
poly	many	polygamist polygon polytheism
psych	mind	psychology psychic psychotic
pyro	fire	pyromania pyrotechnics pyrography

scope	watch see	microscope stethoscope kaleidoscope
tele	distance	television telephone teleport
theo	God religion	theology monotheist theocrat
therm	heat	thermal thermostat thermometer
tri	three	triangle triple trimester

Match the Latin Roots to the Meaning & Examples

ann/enn	year	anniversary annual millennium
aqu	water	aquarium aquatic aquamarine
arch	chief, leader most important first, earliest	monarch architect archetype
bene	good well	benefit benevolent benediction
bi	two	bicycle biceps bifocals

cent	hundred	century cent percent
circum	around	circumference circumstance circumvent
con, co, com, col	with together joined	connect collide cooperate
contra	against opposite different	contrary contradict contrast
cred creed	believe	credence credit credible

dict	say speak	diction dictator dictionary
duo/du	two	dual duet duplex
fract, frag, fring	break	fragile fracture fragment
inter	among between	interval intermission internet
jac/ject	cast throw	eject project trajectory

lumen/lumin	light shine	illuminate luminary luminous
mal	bad wrongful	malice malign malfunction
medi/midi	middle	medium mediocre medieval
migr	move wander	migrate immigrant migrant
min	less smaller	mini minute minus

mis/mit	send	remit transmit missile
mort	death	mortuary immortal mortgage
multi	many	multiply multitude multivitamin
non	not	nonstop nonexistent nonfiction
pre	before	previous preface preschool

quad	four	quadruple quadrant quadriplegic
quer, quir, ques, quis	seek search	quest inquisition question
re	again back	revert redo rewind
scrib/script	write	scribe scripture scribble
sent/sens	feel	senses sensible sensitive

spect	watch look at	spectator spectacle inspect
stru/struct	build arrange	construct structure instruct
sub	below	submarine subway substitute
tempo	time	temporary tempo temporal
tract	pull	tractor subtract traction

trans	across	transport tradition transcribe
tri	three	triangle tricycle triple
uni	one	unicorn universe unity
vac	empty	vacant vacuum vacate
vid/vis	see	video vision visualize

Latin Root Word Match

Match the root word to the meaning. Part 1

ann/enn	two
aqu	say, speak
arch	cast, throw
bene	hundred
bi	bad, evil
cent	chief, most important
circum	two
con, co, col, com	middle
contra	against, opposite, different
credit/creed	wander, moving
dict	less, smaller
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Answers in red are interchangeable.

Latin Root Word Match

Match the root word to the meaning. Part 2

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mort	again, backward
multi	feel
non	build, arrange
pre	three
quad	death
quer, quir, quer, quis	one
re	time
scrib/script	write
sent, sens	not
spect	across
stru/struct	empty
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Greek Root Word Match

Match the root word to the meaning. Part 2

meter	suffering, disease
micro	foot
mon/mono	study of
ology	light
pan	small
path	fire
penta	nature/body
phobia	mind
phon/phono	measure of
photo	distance
phys	fear
pod/ped	heat
poly	all, every
psych	three
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