

Latin Derivative English Words – Stage 22

(Words in English that come to us from Latin)

Let's start by looking at our vocabulary checklist first, and see what sort of English words we get from some of our chapter's Latin root words.

Verbs

<u>Latin word (1st s. present, infinitive, 1st s. perfect, perfect participle)</u>	<u>English meanings</u>	<u>Some English derivatives (if any)</u>
decipio, decipere, decepi, deceptus	to trick, deceive	deceptive, deception, deceive
disentio, dissentire, disseni, dissensus	to disagree	dissident, dissent
eligo, eligere, elegi, electus	to choose	elect, eligible, electoral
fundo, fundere, fudi, fusus	to pour	effuse
iactio, iactare, iactavi, iactatus	to throw	eject
incipio, incipere, incepti, inceptus	to begin	inception
inicio, inicere, inieci, iniectus	to throw in	
moneo, monere, monui, monitus	to warn	monitor, admonition, admonish
parco, parcere, peperci (+ DAT)	to spare	
vito, vitare, vitavi, vitatus	to avoid	

Nouns/Pronouns

<u>Latin word (Nom. s., Gen. s., gender.)</u>	<u>English meanings</u>	<u>Some English derivatives (if any)</u>
amor, amoris (m)	love	amorous
caelum, caeli (n)	sky	
exitium, exitii (n)	ruin, destruction	
hostis, hostis (m)	enemy	hostile, hostility
lacrima, lacrimae (f)	tears	lachrymose
prudentia, prudentiae	good sense, prudence	prudence, prudential
verbum, verbi (n)	word	verbose, verb, verbosity
virtus, virtutis (f)	courage	virtue, virtuous

Adjectives

<u>Latin word (masc., fem., neut.)</u>	<u>English meanings</u>	<u>Some English derivatives (if any)</u>
adeptus, adepta, adeptum	having received, obtained	adept
aureus, aurea, aureum	golden	chemical symbol AU (gold)
dirus, dira, dirum	dreadful, awful	dire
ingressus, ingressa, ingressum	having entered	ingress
minimus, minima, minimum	very little, least	minimize, minimal, minimum
molestus, molesta, molestum	troublesome	molest
precatus, precatā, precatum	having prayed	
quantus, quanta, quantum	how big	quantify, quantum, quantity
tardus, tarda, tardum	late	tardy
tutus, tuta, tutum	safe	

Adverbs

<u>Latin word</u>	<u>English meanings</u>	<u>Some English derivatives (if any)</u>
avide	eagerly	avid, avidly

Interrogatives

<u>Latin word</u>	<u>English meanings</u>	<u>Some English derivatives (if any)</u>
quo modo	how	

English via Latin – Latin’s Influence on English

Some common Latin-based suffixes used in English – The Short n’ Sweet Version

Below are some common English suffixes (that is, partial little mini-words that get added to the end of a root or base word to create a new word) that are used very often in Latin derived words. Knowing these suffixes can help you figure out the meanings of unfamiliar words that use these suffixes. Let’s take a look at a simple list...

Latin suffix	Basic meaning in English (from Latin)	Example words
-able, -ible	forms adjectives ; means “capable or worthy of”	likable (worthy of being liked), flexible (able to flex)
-ation	forms nouns from verbs	creation (from “create” – something that is created), automation (from “automate”), speculation (from “speculate”), information (from “inform”)
-fy, -ify	forms verbs from nouns ; means “to make or cause to become”	purify (to make pure), acidify (to make acidic), humidify (to cause to be humid)
-ment	forms nouns from verbs	entertainment (something that entertains) , amazement (something that amazes), statement (something that makes a statement), banishment (the act of being banished)
-ty, -ity	forms nouns from adjectives ; means “has the quality of”	subtlety (has the quality of being subtle), certainty , cruelty , frailty , loyalty , royalty ; eccentricity , electricity , peculiarity , similarity , technicality