



Latin and Greek Roots and Affix List

A comprehensive list of roots, stems, prefixes, and suffixes to help students break down words for better understanding:

Root/Affix Example	Definition	Root/Affix Example	Definition
1. a-, an- abyss	not, without	103. lun/luni lunar	moon
2. ad- advance	to; toward	104. macro- macroscopic	large, long
3. agri/agro agriculture	field	105. magni- magnify	large
4. ama/ami/amor amorous,	love, friend	106. mal- maladjusted	bad
amiable		107. man/u/i manipulate	hand
5. ambi- ambivalent	both	108. mania kleptomania	excessive desire
6. andr/o android	man, male	109. mar/e maritime	sea
7. ann/enn annual	year	110. mater/matr maternal	mother
8. ante- anteroom	before	111. meta- metamorphosis	change; beyond
9. anthrop/o anthropology	man, human	112. meter/metr thermometer	measure
10. anti- anti-nuke	against	113. micro- microscope	very small
11. aqua aquatic	water	114. mid-/medi- midterm	middle; halfway
12. arch/archi archenemy	rule, first, chief	115. mil(l)- millennium	thousand
13. astro/aster/astr astronomy	star	116. mis- mistake	wrong
14. aud auditory	hear	misnomer	
15. auto- automatic	self; alone	117. mis-/miso- misanthropic	to hate
16. avi aviation	bird	118. mit/miss transmit	send

17. bel(l) bellicose	war	missive	
18. bene- benefit	good; well	119. mobile mobility	movable
19. bi-/bin- bifocal	two	120. mono- monogram	one
20. bibl/i/o Bible	book	121. morph/o amorphous	form; shape
21. bio biology	life	122. mort/mor immortal	death
22. caco- cacophony	bad, ill	123. multi- multitude	many
23. capit decapitate	head	124. mut mutation	change
24. capt capture	take, hold, seize	125. nasc/nat prenatal;	birth; born
25. cardi/o cardiogram	heart	nascent	
26. carn/carni carnivore	flesh, meat	126. naut nautical	sailor; seaman
27. cata- catastrophe	down, completely, against, intensive	127. nav navigation	ship; boat
28. cede/ceed/cess recede	move, yield	128. necr/o necropolis	dead, death
29. cent- century	hundred	129. neo- neophyte	new
30. cephal/o hydrocephalic	head	130. nomen/nom nomenclature	name; noun
31. chrom monochromatic	color	131. non- nonconformist	not
32. chron chronological	time	132. nov renovate	new
33. -cide, cis suicide, excision	to kill; cut	133. nym/onym acronym	name; word
34. circum- circumference	around	134. omni- omnipotent	all
35. clar clarity	clear	135. ortho orthodontics	straight, correct
36. cogn incognito	knowledge	136. pac pacific	peace
37. con-, com-, cor- companion	with; together	137. pan- pandemic	all; every
38. contra-/counter- counteract	against	138. para- paraphrase	similar
39. corp/o, corpor corporal	body	139. pater/patri paternal	father
40. cosmo cosmopolitan	universe, world	140. path/o/pathy empathetic;	feeling; disease
41. -cracy/crat democracy	govern	141. ped/i/-pede/pod centipede	foot
42. cred incredible	believe	142. pend suspend	hang
		143. per- perforate	through
		144. peri-	around, surround

43.	cycl/o bicycle	circle, wheel		periscope	
44.	de- descend	from; down; away		145. phag esophagus	to eat
45.	dec- decade	ten		phagocyte	
46.	dem democracy	people		146. phil/o/phile bibliophile	love; affinity for
47.	derm dermatology	skin		147. -phobia agoraphobia	fear
48.	di- divorce	apart		148. phon/e telephone	sound
49.	dia- diaphanous	through; across		149. phor/e metaphor	bear, produce
50.	dic/dict dictate	say, speak		150. phos/phot phosphorescence	carry light
51.	dis- disapprove	not; apart		photograph	
52.	duc, duct educate	lead		151. poly- polygon	many
53.	dyn/a, dynam/o dynamic	power, energy,		152. pon/pos depose	place; put
54.	dys- dysfunctional	strength bad, difficult		153. port transport	carry
55.	e-, ex- exonerate	abnormal, impaired out of		154. post- postpone	after
56.	ecto- ectotherm	outside		155. pot/poss potent	power
57.	ego egotistical	self		156. pre- pre-war	before
58.	en-, em- energy	in		157. pro- pronoun;	for; forth
59.	endo- endocarditis	inside		proceed	
60.	epi- epicanthus,	outside, over		158. pseud/o pseudopod	false
61.	equi- equilateral	among, after equal	epilogue	159. psych psychology	mind
62.	erg/o ergophobic	work		160. pyro pyromaniac	fire; heat; fever
63.	eu- euphoria	good, well		161. quad- quadruplets	four
64.	extra-, extro- extravagant	outside,		162. re- return	back; again
65.	fac(t)/fec/fic manufacture	beyond, above do, make		163. retro- retroactive	backward; behind
66.	-fer/-ferous transfer	carry, produce		164. sci prescient	know
67.	fid infidelity	trust		165. scop, -scope endoscope	view; examine
68.	fin	end	final	166. scribe/scrip scripture	write
				167. semi- semicircle	half
				168. sen	old

69. flu	f low		senile	
fluctuate			169. sent/sens	feel; think
70. frater	brother		presentiment	
fraternal			170. sol	sun
71. fus	pour		parasol	
profusion			171. soph	wise
72. gen/gon	birth; origin	genesis	philosopher	
73. geo	earth		172. soror	sister
geography			sorority	
74. glott	tongue		173. spec/t/spic	look at; examine
glottal			spectator	
75. gnos/gnom	knowledge		174. spir/o	breathe
diagnosis			respiration	
76. graph/gram	write; record		175. sta/t/-stasis	stand; firm;
autograph			homeostasis	
77. greg	flock			stable, steady
congregation			176. struct	build
78. gress/grad/e	to step, to go		construct	
transgress			177. sub-	under
degrade			subway	
79. gyn	woman; female		178. super-	above; over
gynecology			superintendent	
80. heli/o	sun		179. syn-, sym-, syl-	together, same
heliocentric			synthesis	
81. hemi-	half		180. tele-	far
hemisphere			telescope	
82. hemo/em	blood		181. temp	time
hemophilia			temporary	
83. hetero	different, other		182. ten/tin/tain	hold
heterogeneous			tenacious	
84. hom/o	man		183. terra	earth; land
homicide			terrain	
85. homo/homeo	same, similar,		184. the/o	God
homonym			atheist	
	equal		185. therm/o	heat
86. hydr/o	water		thermometer	
hydrant			186. tom/tome	to cut
87. hyper-	above; over		appendectomy	
hyperactive			187. tort	turn; twist
88. hypo-	below		distortion	
hypodermic			188. tox	poison
89. in-, im-, ir-, il	not		toxemia	
incorrect;			189. tract	draw; pull
irrational			extract	
90. inter-	between; among		190. trans-	across
intertwine			transfer	
91. intra-, intro-	within, inward		191. tri-	three
intramural			triple	
	into		192. un-	not
92. -itis -titis	inflammation of		unwise	
dermatitis			193. uni-	one
93. ject	throw; hurl	reject	unilateral	
94. junct	join		194. ven	come
			convene	
			195. ver	true

	conjunction			verity	
95.	kilo-	thousand		verisimilitude	
	kilowatt			196. vers/vert	to turn
96.	later	side		versatile	
	unilateral			197. vic/vinc	conquer
97.	laud	praise		victory	
	laudatory			198. vid/vis	see
98.	leg	law	legal	evident	
99.	lingu	tongue; language		199. viv/i/vit/vi	life
	linguistics			survive	
100.	lith	stone		200. voc/vok	call, voice
	monolith			vocal/provoke	
101.	log/o/ology	study of; word		201. vol	wish
	dialogue			volunteer	
		reason		202. volv/volut	roll
geology				revolve	
102.	luc/lus/lumen	light		203. vor	devour; eat
	translucent;			voracious	
illuminate				204. xen/o	foreign
				xenophobic	
				205. zo	animal
				zoology	