

The Witty Wordsmith: Week 4 Word List

Type	Root	Meanings	Lang	Sample Words and Definitions
Pre	dys	bad, difficult (dysfunction)	Greek	dyspepsia; dystopia; dyslexia
Pre	eu	good, well (euphemism)	Greek	euphemism; euphonious; euphoria
Base	agog	lead, take (synagogue)	Greek	pedagogue; synagogue; demagogue
Base	andr	man (android)	Greek	androgynous; android; misandry
Base	anthrop	human (anthropology)	Greek	anthropology; philanthropy
Base	arch	beginning, rule (monarch)	Greek	patriarch; archbishop; archenemy
Base	bon, bene	good, well (beneficial)	Latin	benefactor; beneficial; benevolent
Base	cid, cis	cut, kill (insecticide)	Latin	homicide; incisor; insecticide
Base	clam, claim	cry out (exclaim)	Latin	clamor; exclaim; proclamation
Base	corp	body (corpse)	Latin	corporation; corpse; corporal
Base	dem	people (democracy)	Greek	democracy; demographic; epidemic
Base	dic, dict	say (dictate)	Latin	contradict; prediction; dictate
Base	ethn	tribe, nation (ethnic)	Greek	ethnic; ethnocentric; ethnology
Base	fem	woman (female)	Latin	feminine; femme fatale (French)
Base	frat, frater	brother (fraternity)	Latin	fraternal; fraternity; fratricide
Base	gen, gener	birth; race, kind (generation)	Latin	genealogy; generation; genetic
Base	gyn, gynec	woman, female	Greek	gynecology; gynophobia; misogyny
Base	hom, hum	man, human (homicide)	Latin	human; hominid; homage ** Don't confuse with Gk homo- meaning "same"
Base	log	word, reason, study (logic)	Greek	monologue; anthropology
Base	loqu, locut	speak (eloquent)	Latin	eloquent; loquacious; elocution
Base	mal	bad (malicious)	Latin	malcontent; malaria; malicious
Base	mater, matr	mother (maternal)	Latin	maternal; maternity; matriarch
Base	ped	child (pediatrician)	Greek	pedagogue; pediatrician; encyclopedia **Don't confuse with Latin -ped meaning foot
Base	pater, patr	father (patriarch)	Latin	paternal; paternity; patriarch
Base	popu, publi	people (population)	Latin	popular; populist; public
Base	reg, rect, rex	straight, right, rule (direct)	Latin	regent; rectify; regulate
Base	soror	sister (sorority)	Latin	sorority
Base	vir	man, worth (virtue)	Latin	virile; virtue; virtuoso
Suf	crat, cracy	ruler, rule by (democracy)	Greek	bureaucracy, aristocracy

