

51 Most Common Latin Roots

ROOT	ENGLISH MEANING	EXAMPLES
act	do, drive	action, active, react, activate
ann/enn	year	annual, anniversary, biennial, perennial
aqua	water	aquarium, aquatic, aqueduct, aquaculture
aud	hear	audience, audible, audition, auditorium
bene	good, well	benefit, beneficial, benevolent, benefactor
brev	short	brief, brevity, abbreviate, abbreviated
cap/capt	take, seize	capture, captive, capable, accept
ced/cess	go, yield	proceed, precede, recede, success
cent	hundred	century, centennial, percent, centimeter
cert	sure, certain	certain, certify, certificate, certainty
circum	around	circumference, circumstance, circulate, circumvent
corp	body	corporation, corporal, corpse, incorporate
cred	believe, trust	credit, credible, incredible, credential
dict	say, speak	dictate, dictionary, predict, contradict
duc/duct	lead	conduct, introduce, reduce, aqueduct
fac/fic	make, do	factory, manufacture, fiction, difficult
fer	carry, bear	transfer, refer, offer, fertile
form	shape	formation, transform, uniform, reform
fort	strong	fortify, fortress, fortitude, reinforce
frater	brother	fraternity, fraternal, fraternize, fratricide
gen	birth, kind	generate, generation, general, genetic
grad/gress	step, go	gradual, graduate, progress, aggressive
ject	throw	inject, reject, project, object
jud/jur	judge, law	judicial, jury, justice, prejudice
liber	free	liberty, liberal, liberate, liberation
loc	place	location, local, relocate, dislocate
mal	bad, evil	malfunction, malicious, malevolent, malpractice
manu	hand	manual, manufacture, manipulate, manuscript
mater	mother	maternal, maternity, matriarch, matriculate
mit/miss	send	transmit, mission, dismiss, submit
mort	death	mortal, mortality, mortuary, immortal
nov	new	novel, innovate, renovation, novice
omni	all	omnivore, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent
pater	father	paternal, paternity, patriarch, patron
ped	foot	pedal, pedestrian, pedestal, impede
port	carry	transport, portable, import, export
prim	first	primary, primitive, prime, primordial
rupt	break	erupt, disrupt, rupture, interrupt
scrib/script	write	describe, manuscript, inscription, prescribe
sect	cut	section, dissect, intersect, sector
sent/sens	feel	sense, sensitive, consent, sentiment
spec/spect	look, see	inspect, spectator, respect, spectacle
spir	breathe	inspire, expire, respiration, spirit
sta/stat	stand	stable, stationary, statue, establish
struct	build	construct, structure, instruct, destruction
tang/tact	touch	tangible, contact, tactile, intact
ten/tent	hold	contain, retain, detention, tenant
tract	pull, draw	attract, distract, contract, subtract
vac	empty	vacant, vacuum, evacuate, vacation
vid/vis	see	video, visible, vision, supervise
voc	call, voice	vocal, vocation, invoke, advocate