



The 42 Most Common **GREEK** Roots



	Root	English Meaning	Examples				
1	anti	against, opposite	antiseptic	antibiotic	anticlimax	antisocial	antibody
2	astro	star	astronomer	astrology	astronaut	astrophysics	asteroid
3	auto	self, same	autograph	automobile	autobiography	automatic	autopilot
4	bio	life	biology	biotic	autobiography	biomechanical	bionic
5	chron	time	chronograph	chronology	chronic	synchronize	chronicle
6	cosm	universe, world, order	cosmos	microcosm	cosmology	macrocosm	cosmetic
7	cracy	type of government	democracy	theocracy	autocracy	technocracy	bureaucracy
8	crat	member of a type of government	democrat	theocrat	autocrat	technocrat	bureaucrat
9	cycl	circle, wheel	bicycle	tricycle	cycle	cyclic	unicycle
10	dem	people	demograph	democrat	democracy	demographer	epidemic
11	geo	earth	geologist	geography	geophysics	geometry	geopolitical
12	gon	angle	polygon	octagon	pentagon	hexagon	septagon
13	graph, gram	drawn, written	photograph	graphic	polygraph	telegram	hexagram
14	hemi, semi	half	hemisphere	semisweet	hemicranial	semi-annual	semiconscious
15	hydro, hydra	water	hydrate	hydrometer	hydraulic	hydrologist	hydrophobia
16	hyper	over, too much, a lot	hyperspace	hyperactive	hyperactivity	hypercritical	hypersensitive
17	kilo	one thousand	kilometer	kilogram	kilobyte	kiloton	kilowatt
18	mania	madness, insanity	pyromania	kleptomania	bibliomania	megalomania	maniac
19	mech	machine	mechanic	mechanistic	mechanize	biomechanical	mechanism
20	mega	big	megabyte	megalopolis	megahertz	megaton	megastar
21	meter	measure of	kilometer	hydrometer	speedometer	odometer	metric
22	micro	small	microphone	micrometer	microscope	microbiology	microcosm
23	mis	bad, badly, wrong, wrongly	mistake	misbehave	misnomer	mislead	misplace
24	mon, mono	one	monotonous	monotone	monarch	monotheist	monochrome
25	ologist	one who studies	biologist	geologist	astrologist	physiologist	hydrologist
26	ology	the study of	biology	geology	astrology	physiology	hydrology
27	pan	all, every	pantheism	panorama	pandemonium	pandemic	pantheon
28	path	suffering, sickness, disease	pathological	empathy	sympathy	psychopath	apathy
29	penta	five	pentagram	pentane	pentameter	pentagon	pentathlon
30	phobia	fear	hydrophobia	acrophobia	agoraphobia	ablutophobia	satanophobia
31	phon, phono	sound	microphone	telephone	phonograph	phonic	phoneme
32	photo	light	photograph	photon	photosynthesis	photoelectric	photogenic
33	phys	nature, body, natural science	physics	physiology	metaphysics	physical	geophysics
34	pod, ped	foot	pedal	bipedal	podiatrist	pedestrian	tripod
35	poly	many	polygon	polynomial	polytheism	polyandrous	polygraph
36	psych	mind	psychopath	psychology	psyche	psychic	psychiatry
37	pyro	fire	pyrotechnics	pyrotechnician	pyrolysis	pyromania	pyroclastic
38	scope	watch, see	microscope	telescope	scope	stethoscope	periscope
39	tele	distance	television	telephone	telescope	teleport	telekinesis
40	theo	god, religion	theology	theocracy	theocrat	theologian	pantheon
41	therm	heat	thermal	thermometer	thermonuclear	thermostat	hypothermia
42	tri	three	triangle	trilogy	trident	tricycle	tripod



The 42 Most Common Latin Roots



	Root	English Meaning	Examples				
1	ann, enn	year, yearly	anniversary	annual	millennium	centennial	perennial
2	aqu	water	aquarium	aquamarine	aqueous	aquifer	aquatic
3	aud	sound	audio	audible	audience	audiovisual	audition
4	bene	good, well	benefit	benign	beneficial	benefactor	benevolent
5	bi	two	bicycle	binary	bifocal	bicep	binoculars
6	cent	one hundred	cent	centimeter	centurion	percent	percentile
7	circum	around	circumference	circumnavigate	circumscribe	circumvent	circumstance
8	con, co, col, com	with, together, joined	connect	collide	company	cooperate	common
9	contra, contro	against, opposite, different	contrast	contraindicate	contradict	contrary	contrarian
10	cred	believe	credit	credence	credible	incredible	creed
11	dict	say, speak, speech	diction	contradict	predict	edict	verdict
12	fract, frag	break	fracture	fragment	refract	fragile	infraction
13	inter	among, between	interval	internet	interrupt	intercollegiate	intercept
14	ject	cast, throw	eject	interject	trajectory	project	deject
15	lumin	light, shine; source	illuminate	illumination	luminous	lumen	luminary
16	magn	big	magnify	magnitude	magnanimous	magnificent	magnate
17	mal	bad, wretched, evil	malcontent	malice	malicious	malign	malfeasance
18	medi, midi	middle	medium	median	medieval	mediate	mediocre
19	migr	wander, moving	migrant	migrate	immigrate	immigrant	emigrate
20	min	less, smaller	mini	minus	minuscule	minimum	minute
21	miss, mit	send, let go	missile	transmit	remit	omit	dismiss
22	mort	death	immortal	morgue	mortal	mortality	mortician
23	multi	many	multiply	multitude	multiple	multiplex	multiplicity
24	non	not	nonviolent	nonfat	nonstop	nonverbal	nonprofit
25	omni	all	omnipresent	omniscient	omnivore	omnipotent	omnivorous
26	pre	before	previous	predict	predicate	prenuptial	prescription
27	quad	four	quad	quadrangle	quadruple	quadrilateral	quadruped
28	quer, quir, ques, quis	search, seek, ask	quest	inquisition	query	question	quiz
29	re-	again, back, backward	redo	rewind	resubmit	rebound	react
30	scrib, script	write	inscribe	scripture	script	scribe	scribble
31	sent, sens	feel	sense	sensitive	sensible	sentiment	consent
32	spect	watch, look at	spectator	spectacle	spectate	inspect	introspective
33	struct	build, put together, arrange	construct	structure	destruct	instruct	construction
34	sub	under, lower than, inferior	suburbs	subway	submarine	subzero	sublime
35	tempo	time	tempo	temporary	temporal	contemporary	protem
36	tain	hold	retain	contain	maintain	entertain	detain
37	tract	pull	tractor	attract	contract	subtract	distract
38	trans	across, beyond, through	transport	transmit	transcribe	translate	transparent
39	uni	one	unicorn	unicycle	universe	unity	unilateral
40	vac	empty	vacant	vacancy	evacuate	vacation	vacuum
41	vid, vis	see, visual	visible	video	vision	evidence	visit
42	volv, volut	roll, turn	convolution	revolution	revolve	revolver	devolve

Note for the teacher:

I triple-checked these lists to make sure they don't contain any words that are inappropriate for kids in the classroom! :)

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