



GREEK ROOT WORDS

Many new **words** are formed by adding an affix to the beginning or end of a **Latin** or **Greek root** or **root word**. When affixes are added to the beginning of **roots** or **root words**, they are called prefixes. For example, the most common prefix is un-, which means not or opposite of.

The following table are common **Greek** root words:

ROOT	MEANING	EXAMPLE
Aero-	Air	Aerial, aerospace, aeronautics, aerosol, aeroplane, (alternate spelling of airplane)
Anti	Opposing	Antithesis, antibiotic, antidote
Ast-	Star	Astronaut, astronomy, disaster, asterisk
Aqu-	Water	Aquarium, aquatic
Biblio-	Book	Bibliography
Bio-	Life	Biography, biohazard
Cept-, ceive-	Take	Except, deceive, receive, perceive
Chron-	Time	Chronological, synchronize, chronic, chronical
Dem-	People	Democracy
Geo-	Earth	Geology, geography, geothermal
Gram-	Letter, written	Telegram, diagram, grammar, epigram, monogram
Graph-	Write	Telegraph, photograph, phonograph, autograph
Meter-	Measure	Thermometer, centimeter, diameter, barometer
Narc-	Numb	Narcotic, narcolepsy
Phon-	Sound	Phonograph, symphony, telephone, microphone, phonics
Photo-	Light	Photograph, photography, telephoto, photosynthesis
Schem-	Plan	Scheme, schematic
Scop-	See	Microscope, telescope, periscope, stethoscope
Tele-	Distant	Telegram, telegraph, telephone, telescope, television
Therm-	Heat	Thermometer, thermal, thermostat, thermos