# LATIN 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 **Latin** root words:

| ROOT | MEANING | EXAMPLE |
|---|---|---|
| act- | do | action, react, transact, actor, enact |
| ang- | bend | angle, triangle, quadrangle, angular |
| aud- | hear | auditorium, audience, audiovisual, audible, audition |
| bio- | life | biograph, biology, biochemical, biofeedback |
| cred- | believe, trust | credit, discredit, incredible, credulous |
| dict- | speak | predict, contradict, dictate, verdict, diction |
| duc-, duct- | lead | conduct, aqueduct, duct, induct, educate |
| fac-, fect- | make, do | factory, manufacture, facsimile, defect, perfect |
| fid- | faith | confident, fidelity, fiduciary, infidel |
| loc- | place | locate, dislocate, relocate, location, allocate |
| man- | hand | manufacture, manuscript, manicure, manipulate |
| migr- | move | migrate, immigrant, emigrate, migratory |
| miss- | send | missile, dismiss, missionary, mission, remiss |
| mob-, mot- | move | automobile, mobility, motion, motor, promote |
| ped- | foot | pedal, pedestrian, pedestal, pedicure |
| pop- | people | population, popular, populist, populace, populate |
| port- | carry | transport, import, export, portable, porter |
| rupt- | break | erupt, interrupt, rupture, bankrupt, abrupt |
| script- | write | script, inscription, scripture, manuscript, transcript |
| sect- | cut | bisect, dissect, section, intersection |
| sign- | mark | signature, signal, significant, insignia |
| spec- | see | inspect, suspect, respect, spectator, spectacle |
| tract- | pull, drag | tractor, subtract, attraction, traction |
| urb- | city | urban, suburb, suburban, urbane |
| vac- | empty | vacant, vacation, vacuum, evacuate, vacate |

| vid- | see | video, evidence, provide, providence |