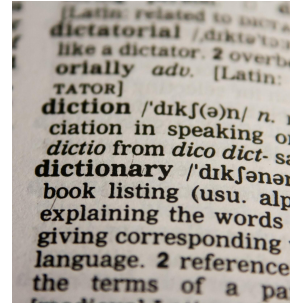


## Greek and Latin Root Words

**Root words are words that derive from another language and have a similar meaning across all word types.**

**Approximately 75% of the English language comes from these types of words.**

**If you can recognize these word parts, you will be able to improve your vocabulary.**



**Hydra** means water

Guess the meaning of these words:

Hydrophobia  
Dehydrate  
Hydroplane  
Hydropower  
Hydrate  
Hydrotherapy

By understanding that 'hydra' always refers to water, you will be able to have a better understanding of an unknown word in English.

# Common Greek & Latin Roots, Stems, and Affixes

Root	Meaning	Example
anti	against	antiperspirant
aqua	water	aquarium
aud/audi	hear	audible
bene	good	benefit
bi	two	bicycle
biblio	book	bibliography
bio	life	biology
cent	one hundred	centimeter
centri	center	concentric
chron	time	chronological
circum	around	circumference
dorm	sleep	dormitory
extra	beyond	extraordinary
geo	earth	geography
homo	same	homonym
hydr/hydro	water	hydroelectric
inter	between	interview
magn	great	magnificent
mal	bad	malnourished
mega	large	megastore
micro	small	microscopic
mis	bad	mistake

Root	Meaning	Example
mono	one	monogram
non	not	nonfiction
ped	foot	pedestrian
pend	hang	pendulum
penta	five	pentagon
phobia	fear	arachnophobia
phon	sound	microphone
photo	light	photograph
poly	many	polygon
port	carry	transport
post	after	posttest
pre	before	pretest
punct	point	punctuate
re	again	review
scribe	write	scribble
semi	half	semicircle
spec	look	inspect
sub	under	submarine
tele	far	telescope
therm	heat	thermometer
tri	three	tricycle
un	not	unpleasant



## Section 1

What To Do					
Word Part	Meaning	Example	Word Part	Meaning	Example
cede/ceed	go	proceed	rupt	break	erupt
cred	believe	credit	scrib/scrip	write	describe
graph	write	autograph	sect	cut	bisect
ject	throw	eject	ven	come	intervene
mit/miss	send	emit	ver	turn	divert
mute	change	commute	viv	live	survive
port	carry	deport			

Using the word parts above to help you, match the definitions on the right with the words on the left.

1. ____ emissary	A. ideology or belief
2. ____ <b>rupture</b>	B. cause to turn
3. ____ intersection	C. the result of a change
4. ____ porter	D. write hastily and messily
5. ____ permutation	E. break in accustomed friendly relations
6. ____ convention	F. study of handwriting
7. ____ vivacious	G. meeting where many people come together
8. ____ avert	H. something that is thrown
9. ____ exceed	I. keenly alive and brisk
10. ____ credo	J. person who is sent to deliver a message
11. ____ scribble	K. person who carries baggage
12. ____ graphology	L. where one road crosses through another
13. ____ projectile	M. go beyond expectations

## Section 2

Where			When		
Word Part	Meaning	Example	Word Part	Meaning	Example
cir	around	circulate	ante	before	anterior
ex	out	exit	fore	before	foretell
in	in	include	fin	end	finish
re	back	return	pre	before	previous
sub	under	subway	post	after	postpone
tele	far	telephone			
trans	across	transatlantic			

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1. ____ refund	A. cut into something
2. ____ subordinate	B. occurring before the expected time
3. ____ forefather	C. room that serves as an entrance to a larger room
4. ____ transgress	D. give money back
5. ____ postern	E. apparatus for sending a message over a distance
6. ____ incision	F. conclusion of a program
7. ____ premature	G. go across a limit or boundary
8. ____ expel	H. circular course around an area
9. ____ antechamber	I. occupying a lower case, rank, or status
10. ____ telegraph	J. relative who came before you
11. ____ finale	K. force someone to go out of place
12. ____ circuit	L. back door to a church

## Online Practice Links

This link has several games to choose from:

<https://wordwall.net/en-us/community/latin-roots-game>

<https://www.funbrain.com/games/rooting-out-words>

<https://jeopardylabs.com/play/greek-latin-roots-jeopardy2>

<https://jeopardylabs.com/play/greek-latin-roots45>

<https://jeopardylabs.com/play/greek-and-latin-roots-509>

## Answers

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