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| Word | Meaning | Examples |
| A | | |
| A | On | ashore-on the shore, afire-on fire |
| a/an | not, without | abyss-without bottom, achromatic-without color |
| ab/a | from, away, off | aversion-to run away from, abhor-to hate or detest |
| Ac | bitter, sharp | acrid-unpleasantly sharp or bitter, acrimony-bitter animosity |
| ac, ad | to, toward, near | accessible- easily approached, admittance-allowed into |
| acro | top, height, tip | acrophobia-fear of height, acronym-a word formed from first letters of words |
| aer/aero | Air | aerate-to let air reach, aerospace-the air space |
| alg, algo | Pain | analgesic-a painkiller |
| ambi/amphi | both sides, around | ambiguous-having more than one meaning, ambivalence-conflicting or opposite feelings |
| ambul | walk, move | amble-to walk in slow, relaxed steps |
| ami, amo | Love | amiable-friendly and lovable, enamored-inflamed with love |
| andr | Male | android-resembles a human, misandry-hatred towards men |
| anim | life, spirit | animate-to make alive, equanimity-of balanced spirit |
| ann, enn | Year | anniversary-a date observed once in an year, millenium-1000 years |
| ante | before, in front | antecede-to come before something in time, ante meridian-before noon |
| antho | flower | anthography-description of flowers |
| anthrop | human | anthropology-study of mankind, philanthropy-love to mankind |
| anti | against, opposite of | antipathy-hatred |
| Apt | Skill | aptitude-natural ability to do something, adapt-become adjusted to new conditions |
| aqua | water | aquatic-related to water |
| arbor | Tree | arborist-someone working with trees |
| arch | chief, most important | monarch-king or queen |
| archa, archae, archi | ancient | archaic-ancient |
| arthr, arthro | Joint | arthritis-inflammation of joints |
| astro, aster | stars, outer space | astronaut-a person travelling to the stars |
| auto | self, same, one | autocrat-a person who governs with absolute power |
| Avia | Bird | aviation-the art of designing or operating aircraft |
| B | | |
| baro | pressure, weight | Barometer-an instrument to measure pressure |
| bell, belli | War | bellicose-warlike, belligerent-hostile and ready to fight |
| bene | good, well | benefactor-person who gives money for a cause, benevolent-showing kindness or goodwill |
| Bi | Twice, in every two | bilateral-involving two sides |
| bibli | book | bibliophile-a person who loves books |
| Bio | Life | Biology-study of life |
| brev | short | brevity-concise and exact use of words in writing or speech |
| C | | |
| Cap | take, seize | captivate-attract and hold the attention of |
| cardio | heart | Cardiologist- a doctor who treats heart diseases |
| carn | flesh, meat | incarnate- given bodily form |
| cata | down, intensive, against completely | cataclysm-a flood or other disaster, catastrophe- turning for the worst |
| caust, caut | to burn | caustic-capable of burning or eating away |
| cede, ceed, cess | go, yield | recede-to go back, accede-agree to a demand or request, accessible-easily entered |
| cephal | Head, brain | encephalitis-inflammation of the brain |
| cerebr | Brain | cerebrate-to use the brain |
| cert | sure | certify-to state something as true, ascertain-to find out something with certainty |
| chrom, chromat | color, pigment | achromatic-without color |
| chron, chrono | time | chronological-arranging events in time |
| cide, cise | cut, kill | regicide-killing of a king, concise-giving information clearly in few words |
| circum | around, about | circumference-boundary of a circle |
| clar | clear | clarify-to make something clear |
| Co | with, together, joint | co-educational-involving both girls and boys |
| Cog | to know | cognition-process of acquiring knowledge, incognito-disguised so as no one knows you |
| Col | together, jointly | collaborate-work together |
| com | together, common | commune-living together while owning things in common |
| contra, contro | against, opposite | contrary-not in agreement |
| corp, corpo | body | corpse-dead body |
| cosmo | universe | cosmos-universe |
| cred | believe | credence-belief that something is true or valid, credulous-believing things too easily |
| crypto | hidden, secret | cryptic-of hidden meaning |
| culp | guilt | culpable-deserving blame |
| cumul | mass, heap | accumulate-to gather up |
| cycl | circle, ring | Cyclic-having a cycle |
| D | | |
| De | reduce, away, remove | dethrone-to remove from power, debug-to remove bugs |
| Dei | God | deify-worship or regard as god |
| dem, demo | People | demography-the study of people |
| derm | Skin | dermal-related to skin |
| Di | two, twice | dilemma-a situation that requires choice between two alternatives |
| di, dis | apart, away | digression-departure from the main issue |
| dict | Speak | diction-speech |
| Dol | suffer, pain | dolorous-full of pain or sorrow, indolence-state of being lazy or slothful |
| domin | Master | domineering-excessively controlling |
| don | Give | pardon-to forgive |
| Dox | belief, opinion | heterodox-not confirming to accepted standards |
| Dur | harden, to last, lasting | enduring-able to last |
| Dyn | power, energy, strength | dynamic-having power |
| Dys | abnormal, bad | dyslexia-impairment of the ability to handle words |
| E | | |
| Ego | Self | egoistic-self-centered, egomania-excessive preoccupation with oneself |
| endo | within, inside | endotherm-a creature that can keep its internal body temperature fairly constant |
| erg, ergo | Work | ergonomics-study of the working environment |
| ethno | race, people | ethnicity-pertaining to a group of people |
| Eu | good, well, true | euphoria-feeling of well-being, eulogy-speech in praise of someone |
| extra | outside, beyond | extradite-to hand over an accused to the state where crime was committed |
| F | | |
| Fac | make, do | benefactor-a person who gives money for a cause |
| Fer | bear, bring, carry | confer-to bring an honor to someone |
| Fid | Faith | confide-place trust in someone, fidelity-faithfulness |
| flect | Bend | flexible-easily bent |
| fore | in front of, previous, earlier | fore-bearer-ancestor, forebode-to give an advance warning about something bad |
| fract, frag | Break | fragile-easy to break |
| Fug | flee, run away, escape | fugitive-a person who is running away |
| funct | perform, work | defunct-no longer working |
| G | | |
| gam | Marriage | Polygamy-practice of keeping multiple wives |
| gastr, gastro | Stomach | Gastric- related to stomach |
| gene, genesis | birth, production, formation | congenital-existing from birth |
| Geo | earth, soil, global | Geography-study of earth’s landmasses |
| Ger | old age | geriatrics-medicine pertaining to the elderly |
| graph | Graph | Graph-a pictorial representation of data |
| grat | Pleasing | gratify-to please someone, gratuity-a token of appreciation, ingratiate-to bring oneself in the favor of others by deliberate efforts |
| gress, grad | to step, to go | digression-departure from the main issue, gradual-step by step |
| Gyn | female | gynophobia-fear of females |
| H | | |
| helio | sun | Helios-related to sun |
| hem, haem | blood | hemorrhage-clotting of blood |
| hepa | liver | Hepatitis-disease of the liver |
| herbi | plant | Herbivores-animals who feed on plants |
| hetero | different, other | Heterodox-having opinions different from others |
| Hex | six | Hexagon-six sided polygon |
| homo | alike, same | homonym-sounding alike |
| hydr, hydro | liquid, water | Hydrophobia-fear of water |
| hygr, hygro | moisture, humidity | hygrometer-tool used to measure humidity |
| hyper | too much, over | hyperactive-very restless, hypercritical-too critical |
| hypo | under | hypothermia-abnormally low body temperature |
| I | | |
| Idio | peculiar, personal, distinct | idiomatic-peculiar to a particular language, idio-syncracy-a physical or mental characteristic typical of a specific person |
| infra | beneath, below | infrastructure-underlying framework of a system |
| inter | between, among, jointly | Intermission-break in between |
| intra, intro | within, inside | Intra-among different organizations |
| Iso | equal | isometric-having equality of measure |
| J | | |
| ject | throw | interject-to throw a remark into a discussion |
| Jud | law | judgement-a decision by court |
| juven | young | juvenile-a young person, rejuvenate-to be full of youth and energy |
| K | | |
| klept | steal | kleptomaniac-a person who is habitual of stealing |
| L | | |
| lact | milk | lactic-related to milk |
| leuk, leuc | white, colorless | leukemia-disease of the blood |
| Lex | word, law, reading | alexia-loss of ability to read |
| liber | free | libertine-a person with free wild lifestyle |
| lingu | language, tongue | linguist-one who studies many languages |
| lip, lipo | throw | liposuction-mechanical removal of fat reserves in the tissues |
| Log | word | epilogue-speech at the end of a book or play |
| loqu, locu | speak | eloquent-speaking beautifully or forcefully, elocution-art of public speaking, loquacious-very talkative, grandiloquent-pompous or inflated in language |
| luc, lumin | light | elucidate-to explain, illuminate-to fill with light |
| M | | |
| macro, magma, magni | large, great | magnificent-grand |
| Mal | bad, ill | malicious-showing strong ill will, malevolence-ill will, malediction-a curse malign-to speak ill about someone, maladroit-clumsy and tactless |
| mand | to order | mandate-an official order |
| mania | madness, excessive desire | egomania-a mad love of oneself |
| manu | hand | maneuver-to move by hand, manuscript-a book written by hands |
| mari | sea | Marine-related to sea |
| mater | mother | maternal-related to mother |
| mega | great, large | megalopolis-an area with many nearby cities |
| melan | black | melancholy-a state of dark emotions |
| meta | change, after, beyond | Metamorphosis-transformation |
| meter | measure | Meter-SI unit of length |
| micro | very small, short, minute | Microbes-very small organisms |
| mis, miso | bad, wrong, to hate | misnomer-an error in naming a person or thing |
| miss, mit | send, let go | dismiss-to send someone away, emit-to send something out |
| mob | move | mobility-the quality of being able to move |
| mon | warn | premonition-a strong feeling that something bad is about to happen, admonition-a firm warning or reprimand |
| mono | one, single, alone | monologue-a speech given by one person |
| morph | form | amorphous-without distinct shape or form |
| mort, mor | death | morbid-gruesome and grisly, moribund-decaying |
| mot, mov | move | promote-to move someone forward |
| mut | change | mutate-to undergo a change, immutable-not changing |
| N | | |
| narr | Tell | narrative- to tell a story |
| Nat | Born | innate-included since birth, natal-relating to birth |
| Nav | Ship | Navigate-to guide over a specified route |
| necro | dead, death | necrophilia-loving death |
| Neo | new, recent | neoclassic-a revival of classic form |
| nephro | Kidney | Nephrology-study of kidneys |
| neuro | Nerve | Neurology-study of nerves and brain |
| nom, nomin | Name | being something in name only and not in reality |
| noun, nunc | declare | denounce-to proclaim harsh criticism, enunciate-to speak or declare something |
| noct | Night | nocturnal-one who stays awake at night |
| Nov | New | novelty-something new, novice-a person who is new at a job |
| nym | name, word | pseudonym-a false name used especially by an author |
| O | | |
| ob, op | in the way, against | obscure-hard to understand, obfuscate-confuse or darken, obstreperous-noisily defiant |
| Oct | Eight | Octagon-eight sided polygon |
| Ocu | Eye | Ocular-related to vision |
| omni | All | omniscient-knowing all things, omnipresent-present everywhere |
| Opt | Best | optimal-the best, optimum-the best something could be |
| ortho | straight | Orthogonal-perpendicular |
| Oxy | Sharp | oxymoron-combining two ideas that sharply contradict each other |
| P | | |
| paleo | ancient | Paleontology-study of fossils |
| Pan | all, any, everyone | panacea-a cure for all diseases, panorama-an all-round view |
| para | protection from | Parameter- aspects |
| path | feeling, emotion | empathy-identification with and understanding of another's feelings, apathy-a lack of feeling or interest,  antipathy-a feeling of great dislike, sympathy-sharing someone's feelings |
| Ped | Foot | Pedestrian-one who walks on foot |
| Pel | drive, force | compel-to force someone to act, repel-to force back, expel-to drive someone out |
| pent | Five | Pentagon-five sided polygon |
| Per | through, throughout | perennial-lasting through many years |
| peri | around, enclosing | Perimeter-boundary |
| phil | love, friend | philatelist-one who collects stamps |
| phono, phony | Sound | cacophony-loud, unpleasant sounds |
| photo | Light | Photolysis-break down due to sunlight |
| pod | Foot | podium-a small platform to stand on |
| poly | more than one | polyglot-a person fluent in many languages |
| port | Carry | Transport-to carry something across |
| Pos | place, put | deposit-to place something |
| post | after, behind | posthumous-after someone's death |
| Pot | Power | potent-having great power, omnipotent-having unlimited power |
| Pre | earlier, before | Prepone-to hold an event before the decided day |
| Pro | before, in front of | prognosis-a prediction of what will happen |
| proto | primitive, first, chief | prototype-the first of its kind |
| pseudo | wrong, false | Pseudonym-a false name or identity |
| psych, psycho | mind, mental | psyche-the human spirit or soul |
| pugna | to fight | pugnacious-having a quarrelsome or aggressive nature |
| purge | clean | purge-remove anything undesirable, expurgate-remove objectionable passages from a publication |
| pulchr- | beautiful | pulchritude-beauty |
| Put | think | compute-calculate |
| pyro | fire, heat | Pyrometer-instrument to measure heat |
| Q | | |
| quad | four | quadrilateral-a polygon of four sides |
| quer, quis | ask | query-question, inquisition-a period of prolonged and intensive questioning |
| R | | |
| rad-, ras- | scrape, shave | abrasion-process of scraping or wearing something away |
| Reg | guide, rule | regime-a rule by the king |
| retro | backward, back | retrogress-to go back to an earlier condition, retrospect-the remembering of past events |
| rhino | nose | Rhinovirus-virus causing cold |
| Rid | laugh | deride-to make fun of someone, ridicule-to make fun or mock, ridiculous-silly that causes laughter |
| rupt | break, burst | interrupt-to break into a conversation, rupture-a break in something |
| Rur | country | rural-village |
| S | | |
| San | health | sane-mentally healthy |
| Sci | know | prescient-ability to perceive events before they occur |
| scope | see, examine, observe | Microscope- an instrument to examine microbes |
| sect | cut | dissect-to cut apart piece by piece |
| serve | save, keep | Service-to provide help |
| Sol | alone | desolate-lonely and dismal, soliloquy-the act of speaking to oneself |
| somn | sleep | somnolent-feeling sleepy, somnambulist-sleep walker, somniloquy-talking in one's sleep |
| Son | sound | Sonorous-related to sound |
| spect | see, look | retrospective-a looking back at past things |
| stell | star | interstellar-between the stars |
| struct | build | construct-to build |
| suav | sweet | suave-charming, confident and elegant |
| Sub | inferior to | substandard-inferior to accepted standard |
| sum | highest | summit-the highest point of something |
| surd- | deaf | absurd-atypical |
| surg | rise | resurgent-reviving after a period of time |
| sy- | with | sync-along with |
| T | | |
| tact, tang | touch | tactile-relating to the sense of touch, tangible-able to be touched |
| tard | slow | tardy-slow in action or response or sluggish |
| tax, taxo | arrangement | syntax-the systematic arrangement of words |
| tele | far, distant | Telephone-call distant |
| temp | time | contemporary-existing at the same time |
| ten- | hold onto something firmly | tenacious-holding onto something firmly |
| tep- | be warm | tepid-warm |
| term | end, limit | determine-to find out something at the end of investigation, exterminate-to destroy or get rid of completely |
| terr | land, earth | Terrain-earth landmass |
| tetra | four | Tetrahedron-a pyramidal shape with four faces |
| than | death | euthanasia-practice of intentionally ending a life to relieve pain and suffering |
| the, theo | god | monotheism-belief in one god, theology-the study of nature of god and religious beliefs |
| therm | heat | Thermal-related to heat |
| tim- | fearful | timid-fearful |
| tort | twist | distort-to alter the shape, contortion-a twisted shape or position |
| Tox | poison | detox-removing poison |
| tract | pull, drag | intractable-stubborn |
| trans | across, beyond, through | Transport-travelling across |
| Tri | once in every three | Trimester-three months |
| U | | |
| ultra | beyond, extreme, more than | ultrahigh-extremely high |
| Un | opposite of | unabridged-not shortened |
| Uni | one, single | unilateral-decided by only one group |
| Urb | city | urbane-showing high sense of refinement |
| V | | |
| Vac | empty | vacant-empty, vacuous-lacking intelligence |
| vad-, vas- | go | evade-to hide from something, pervasive-present everywhere |
| vap- | lack of | vapid-offering nothing that is challenging |
| Vel | veil | revelation-a fact disclosed to others |
| ven, vent | come | intervene-to come between, circumvent-to bypass restrictions |
| vener | respectful | venerate-regard with great respect |
| Ver | truth | veracious-truthful and honest, aver-to say that something is certainly true |
| verb | word | verbalize-to put into words |
| vers, vert | turn | introvert-being turned towards the inside |
| Vic | to change | vicissitude-an unpleasant change of circumstances or fortune |
| vice | next in rank, acting in place of | Vice-president – next to president |
| vince, vic | conquer | invincible-not able to be conquered |
| Vir | green | virid- bright greenish |
| viv, vit | live, life | vivacious-high spirited and full of life, vivid-lively |
| Voc | voice, call | equivocate-to use misleading language to generate confusion, vocalize-to produce with your voice |
| Vol | wish, will | benevolent-showing goodwill and kindness, volition-the act of making a choice or decision |
| vor, vour | eat | voracious-desiring or eating food in great amounts |
| X | | |
| xanth | yellow | xanthanoids-yellow pigments in leaves |
| xeno | foreign | xenophile-attracted to foreigners |
| Xer | dry | Xerography |
| xiph | sword | xiphoid- sword shaped |
| Xyl | wood | xylem-vascular tissue in plants |
| Z | | |
| Zoo | animal | Zoology-study of animals |
| Zon | belt, girdle | zone-area |
| Zyg | yoke | zygote-human cell |
| Zym | ferment | enzyme-chemicals produced in body by endocrine glands |