

## Common Greek and Latin Roots

This list is meant as resource to teachers. Teachers should select those Greek and Latin roots which apply to their instructional plans. In the following list, Greek roots are indicated with (g) and Latin roots with (l).

<u>ROOT</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLES</u>
act (l)	do	action, actor, react, transact, enact
agri (l)	field	agriculture, agrarian, agronomy
alt (l)	high	altitude, altimeter, alto
alter (l)	other	alternate, alternative, altercation
ambul (l)	walk, go	ambulance, amble, preamble
ambi or amphi (l)	both, around	ambidextrous, amphibian
amo, ami (l)	love	amiable, amorous, amateur, amity
ang (l)	bend	angle, triangle, quadrangle, angular
anim (l)	life, spirit	animate, animosity, animal, inanimate
ann, enn (l)	year	annual, biennial, anniversary, annuity
anthr (g)	man	anthropology, philanthropist
apt, ept (l)	suitable	aptitude, inept, adept, apt
aqua (l)	water	aquarium, aquatic, aquamarine
arch (g)	chief	monarch, archbishop, archenemy
arch (g)	primitive, ancient	archaeology, archaic, archive
art (l)	skill	artisan, artist, artificial, artifact
ast (g)	star	astronaut, astronomy, disaster, asterisk
aud (l)	hear	audience, auditorium, audiovisual, audible
auto (g)	self	automatic, autobiography
belli (l)	war	bellicose, antebellum, belligerent, rebellion
ben (l)	good	benevolent, beneficial, benediction
biblio (g)	book	bibliography, Bible
bio (g)	life	biology, biography, biochemistry, biopsy
brev (l)	short	abbreviation, brevity
cam (l)	field	camp, campus, campaign
cand (l)	glow, white	candle, candidate, incandescent
cap (l)	head	cap, captain, capital, decapitate
cede, ceed (l)	go, yield	proceed, exceed, succeed, concede
ceive, cept (l)	take, receive	receive, reception, accept, conception
centr (l)	center	central, centrifugal, egocentric, eccentric
cert (l)	sure	certain, certify, ascertain, certificate
cess (l)	go, yield	process, recess, access, cessation
chron (g)	time	chronological, synchronize, chronicle
cide, cise (l)	cut, kill	suicide, scissors, incision, insecticide
cip (l)	take, receive	recipient, incipient, participate, recipe
circ (l)	around, circle	circulation, circumvent
claim (l)	shout	proclaim, exclaim, acclaim, clamor
clar (l)	clear	clarity, declare, clarify, declaration
cline (l)	lean	incline, recline, decline, inclination
clud (l)	shut	include, conclude, exclude, seclude
cogn (l)	know	recognize, cognition, incognito
commum (l)	common	community, communicate, communism
cord (l)	heart	cordial, accord, concord, discord