

## ROOT WORDS

The following is a list of Greek and Latin "root words" that are commonly used in our English language. This list will be very useful to you in this class and most of your other classes. It will help improve your vocabulary and reading skills.

<u>Root</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Given example</u>	<u>Your example</u>
1. a or an	(G)	without	abacterial	_____
2. alba	(L)	white	albino	_____
3. amphi	(G)	both	amphibian	_____
4. anti	(G)	against	antibody	_____
5. aqua	(L)	water	aquatic	_____
6. anthro	(G)	man	anthropology	_____
7. arche	(G)	ancient	archaeology	_____
8. arthro	(G)	joint	arthropod	_____
9. astro	(G)	a star	astromaut	_____
10. audio	(L)	hear	audiometer	_____
11. auto	(G)	self	automatic	_____
12. bi	(L)	two, double	biped	_____
13. bio	(G)	life	biology	_____
14. cardi	(G)	heart	cardiology	_____
15. carni	(L)	meat, flesh	carnivore	_____
16. centa	(G)	one hundred	century	_____
17. centi	(G)	one one hundredth	centimeter	_____
18. chem	(G)	juice	biochemistry	_____
19. chondr	(G)	cartilage	chondrichthye	_____
20. chrono	(G)	time	chronometer	_____
21. chloro	(G)	green	chlorophyll	_____
22. chromo	(G)	color	chromosomes	_____
23. cycl	(G)	circle/wheel	bicycle	_____
24. cyto	(G)	cell	cytology	_____
25. de	(L)	out of, off of	dehydration	_____
26. deca	(G)	ten	decathlon	_____
27. deci	(G)	one tenth	decimeter	_____
28. dendro	(G)	tree or wood	dendrochronology	_____
29. dermat	(G)	skin	dermatology	_____
30. di	(G)	two or apart	diatomic	_____
31. echin	(G)	spine	echinoderin	_____
32. eco	(G)	surroundings/house	ecosystem	_____
33. epi	(G)	upon, over	epidermis	_____
34. ex	(G)	outside	exoskeleton	_____
35. gene	(L)	birth	genesis	_____
36. geo	(G)	earth	geotrophism	_____
37. glyc	(G)	sweet	glycogen	_____
38. graph	(G)	to write	biography	_____