

Latin and Greek Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes

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	root or affix	meaning	examples
prefix	a, an	without	achromatic, amoral, anaerobic
prefix	ab, abs, a	apart, away from	abnormal, abduct, abscission
suffix	able, ible	capable, worthy of	likable, flexible
root	ac, acr	sharp, bitter	acrid, acidic
root	act	do	action, activate, active, actor
root	acu	sharpen	acute, accurate, acupuncture
root	acro	point, topmost	acronym, acrobat
prefix	ad	to, in addition to, toward	addition, adept
prefix	aero	air	aerospace, aeronautics, aerodynamic
root	aesth	feel, look	aesthetics
suffix	age	belongs to	wattage, amperage
root	agere	act	agent, agency, agenda
root	agri, agrio, gri	field	agriculture, agronomy, agronomist
root	alt, alti	high	altitude, altimeter
root	alter	change	alternate, alternative, alterations, altering
prefix	ambi, amb	on both sides	ambidextrous, ambivalent
root	ambul	walk	ambulance, ambulate, amble
root	amo, ami, amat	love	amour, amiable, amateur, amity
prefix	amphi, ampho	both sides	amphitheater, amphibian
suffix	ance	state of being	penance, deliverance
root	andr	man	android, androgynous, polyandry
root	ang	bend	angle, angular, mangle
root	anim	life	animal, animated, inanimate
root	anni, annu, enni	year	annual, perennial, biennial, anniversary
suffix	ant	thing or one who	peasant
prefix	ante,	before	antedate, anteroom, antecedent, anterior
root	anthrop	human	misanthrope, philanthropy
prefix	anti	against	antipathy, antitank, anticlimax
root	apt, ept	suitable	apt, aptitude, adept, inept
root	aqua, aque	water	aquarium, aqueous, aquamarine
root	arbit, arbiter	to judge, consider	arbitrate, arbitrator
root	arbor	tree	arboretum, arborist
root	arch	Chief, rule, govern	monarch, architect, archbishop
root	archae	old	archaeology, archaic, archives
root	arm	army, weapon	army, armory, arm