

COMMONLY USED ROOTS, PREFIXES & SUFFIXES

WORD PARTS	MEANING	EXAMPLE WORDS
nov	new	novice, renovate, novelty
null	none	nullify, nulli cation, nulliparity
phon	sound	telephone, saxophone, microphone
ob (op)	in the way, against	object, objection, opposition, obscure
oct	eight	octopus, octagon, octave
pneu	air, breath	pneumonia, pneumatic
poli (polis)	city	metropolis, cosmopolitan
pop	people	population, popular
opt	best	optimal, optimum, optimize
ortho	straight	orthodontist, orthopedic
osteo	bone	osteoporosis, osteoarthritis
ous	having	adventurous, hazardous, nauseous, joyous
psuedo	false	pseudonym, pseudoscience
psyche	mind, spirit	psychology, psychic
mar	sea	marine, marina, maritime, aquamarine
paleo	ancient	paleontologist, Paleolithic, paleography
pan	all	pandemic, panorama, pantheon, panacea
para	beside, related	parallel, parasite, paramedic
path	feeling, disease	pathogen, sympathetic, psychopath
melan	black, dark	melancholy, melanoma, melodrama
radic (radix)	root	eradicate, radical, radish
merge	dip, dive	immerge, submerge
per	through	perception, perceive
peri	around	perimeter, peripheral