

The **Top Ten** Greek Root Words

you need to know

Nearly 60 percent of English words are built on **Latin** or **Greek** root words. Knowing these Greek root words will give you a big head start on becoming a great communicator in English.

1 **bio** – life | **Biology**, **Biography**

2 **chrono** – time | **Chronicle**, **Chronological**

3 **poli** – city | **Metropolis**, **Policy**

4 **phon** – sound | **Phonograph**, **Symphony**

5 **geo** – earth | **Geography**, **Geology**

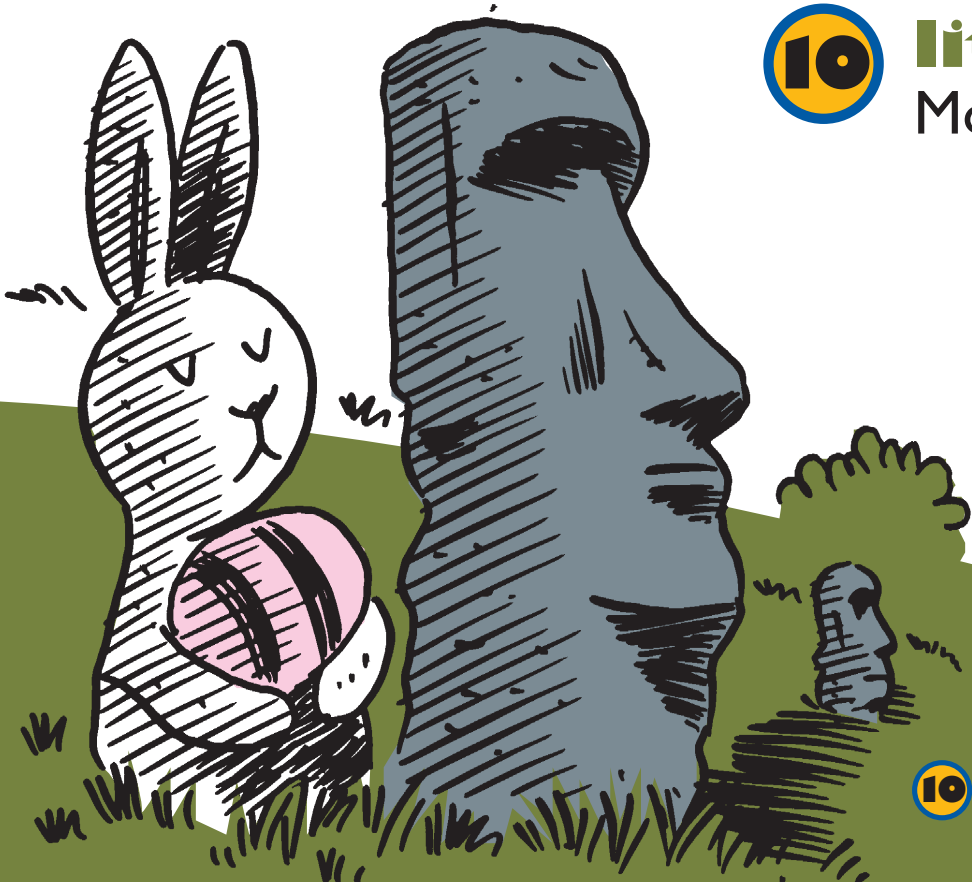
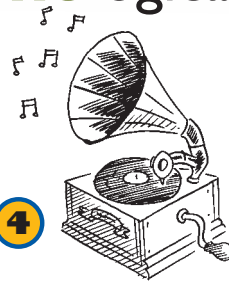
6 **astr** – star | **Asteroid**, **Astronaut**

7 **mim** – same | **Mimic**, **Pantomime**

8 **graph** – write | **Epigraph**, **Graphite**

9 **morph** – Shape | **Metamorphic**, **Morphology**

10 **lith** – stone
Monolith, **Paleolithic**



The examples above, along with over 150 additional roots can be found in Prestwick House's *Growing Your Vocabulary: Learning from Latin and Greek Roots* series



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