

LATIN AND GREEK ROOTS, PREFIXES, AND SUFFIXES



Common Latin and Greek Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes

Roots

- anthrop-** human
- chron-** time
- path-** feeling, disease, suffering
- phil-** to love
- phon-** sound, voice
- phot-** light



Prefixes

- a-** not, without
- ab-, abs-** apart, away from
- ad-** to, toward
- anti-** against
- auto-** self
- bi-** two
- bio-** life
- con-** with, together
- dict-** to say
- ex-, e-** out, out of, out from, away
- geo-** earth
- inter-** between
- pre-** before, early, toward
- pro-** before, in favor of
- post-** after
- sub-** below, under
- tele-** far, distant

Suffixes

- able, -ible** capable, able
- cern** distinguish
- ful** full of, having
- graph** write, draw, record
- ion** action, process
- ist** person who believes in
- ism** belief in
- ize** make into, practice, become
- log, -logue** speech, word
- logy** science of
- meter, -metry** measure
- phobia** abnormal fear or hatred of
- tic, -ic** pertaining to
- tract** drag, draw
- uous** having, inclined to

Less Common (but still important!) Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes

Roots

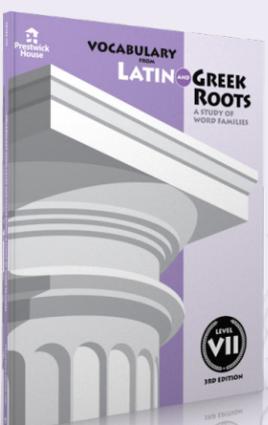
- dem-** people
- dox-** belief, teaching
- ject-** hurl, throw
- soph-** wise

Prefixes

- ante-** before, in front of
- eu-** good
- mono-** one, singular
- poly-** many

Suffixes

- cracy** rule, power
- escent** becoming, beginning
- lent, -lence** state of, full of



Vocabulary from Latin and Greek Roots:
A Study of Word Families

