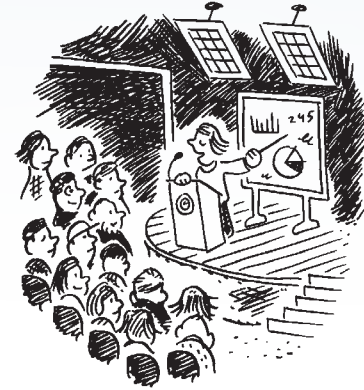


# The **Top Ten** Latin Root Words you need to know

Many of the words you know and use every day come from the ancient Romans, who spoke **Latin**. Knowing these common Latin root words will help you decode hundreds of related words and give you a big head start on becoming a great communicator in English.

**1 aud** – to hear | **Audition, Audience**



**2 ben** – well | **Benefit, Beneficial**

**3 gen** – create, to give birth | **Generate, Progeny**

**4 jur/jus** – law | **Justify, Jury**



**5 manu** – hand | **Manual, Manufacture**



**6 mal** – bad | **Malice, Malaria**

**7 temp** – time | **Temporary, Tempo**



**8 terr** – Earth | **Terrarium, Terrain**



**9 scrib** – to write | **Describe, Script**

**10 vid/vis** – to see | **Video, Vision**



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