

# Greek Root Words

**chromium**

A type of metal.

**chromatology**

The science of colours.

**monochrome**

One colour.

**chroma**

Colour.

**chromatist**

A colour specialist.

**chrom**

**colour**

# Greek Root Words

## cartography

Writing used to make maps.

## geography

The study of places.

## homograph

Words that are spelt the same way but have a different meaning.

## paragraph

Writing with a topic and ending sentence.

## biography

Writing about someone's life.

**graph**

**write**

# Greek Root Words

## telescope

An instrument for looking at things far away.

## telephone

An instrument for speaking to someone far away.

## television

An instrument to watch things from far away.

## telegraph

A system to transmit messages over distance.

## telecast

To transmit via television.

**tele**

**far**

# Greek Root Words

**antidote**

Medicine  
against poison.

**antibiotics**

Medicine  
against bacteria.

**antisocial**

The act of not  
being sociable.

**antonym**

A word  
meaning opposite.

**antipathy**

A feeling of  
intense dislike.

**anti**

**against/opposite**

# Greek Root Words

**autograph**

To sign your name.

**automatic**

Works by itself.

**autobiography**

A biography of yourself.

**autofocus**

An instrument that automatically focuses something.

**automobile**

A car.

**auto**

**self**

# Greek Root Words

## photosynthesis

Using sunlight to process nutrients.

## photograph

A picture made using a camera.

## photosensitive

Being sensitive to light.

## photocopy

To take an exact copy of a document.

## photometry

To measure the properties of light.

**photo**

**light**

# Greek Root Words

**geography**

The study of places.

**geology**

The study of the Earth.

**geothermal**

Earth's heat.

**geode**

a rock with crystals in the centre.

**geometry**

the mathematics surrounding shapes, angles, lines etc.

**geo**

**earth**

# Greek Root Words

## chronobiology

The study of the effects of time.

## chronic

Something that lasts for a long time.

## chronicle

Recording historical events in time order.

## synchronise

Making something happen at the same time.

## chronograph

An instrument that records time.

**chrono**

**time**



# Greek Root Words

**aqueduct**

A pipe that transports water.

**aquatic**

Being in water.

**aqua**

A light bluish-green colour.

**aqualung**

A breathing apparatus used by divers.

**aqueous**

Dissolving in water.

**acq**

**water**

# Greek Root Words

**biology**

The study of life.

**biography**

A life story.

**symbiosis**

Two life forms living together.

**biosphere**

Where living things exist in the atmosphere.

**biopsy**

Examination of living tissues.

**bio**

**life**

# Greek Root Words

**biannual**

Happens every  
two years.

**bike**

An apparatus with  
two wheels.

**biped**

A two-footed creature.

**biweekly**

Happens every  
two weeks.

**bicolour**

Having two colours.

**bi**

**two**

# Greek Root Words

**empathy**

Feeling like someone else does.

**sympathy**

Relating to another person's feelings.

**pathology**

The study of disease.

**pathetic**

Deserving of being pitied.

**homeopathy**

A way to treat disease.

**path**

**feel**

# Latin Root Words

**levitate**

Float in the air.

**levity**

Humour.

**elevator**

A machine that lifts people up.

**lever**

A simple machine that lifts things.

**alleviate**

To make something less intense.

**lev**

**to lift**

# Latin Root Words

**dictate**

To say or read aloud.

**dictionary**

A book with words and meanings.

**contradict**

To do the opposite of what you say.

**predict**

To tell something that hasn't happened yet.

**dictator**

An absolute ruler.

**dict**

**say**

# Latin Root Words

**brevity**

Short in duration.

**abbreviation**

A shortened word.

**brief**

Short.

**breviary**

A summary.

**brevicollis**

Having a short neck.

**brev**

**short**

# Latin Root Words

## jury

People who decide the verdict of a legal case.

## jurisdiction

A legal area of authority.

## abjure

To retract something under oath.

## conjure

To summon something.

## perjury

The crime committed when you lie in court.

**jur**

**swear/law**



# Latin Root Words

**pacifier**

A rubber item for a baby to suck on.

**pacifist**

Someone opposed to violence.

**pacify**

Easing anger.

**pact**

A formal agreement.

**pacific**

To put an end to conflict.

**pac**

**peace**

# Latin Root Words

**quit**

To stop.

**acquit**

To release from an obligation.

**quite**

Very.

**unrequited**

Not felt in return.

**acquittal**

Being proved not guilty.

**quit**

**release**

# Latin Root Words

**audio**

Hearing.

**audible**

Being able to be heard.

**audience**

A group of listeners.

**audition**

A trial performance.

**audit**

An examination to check accuracy.

**audi**

**hear**

# Latin Root Words

**beneficial**

A good result.

**benefit**

An advantage.

**benevolent**

A good person.

**benign**

Harmless.

**benefactor**

Someone who helps.

**bene**

**good**

# Latin Root Words

**circle**

A round shape.

**circumference**

The boundary line  
of a circle.

**circulation**

Movement in a  
circular shape.

**circling**

Moving in a  
circular fashion.

**circled**

Making a circular shape  
around something.

**circ**

**round**

# Latin Root Words

**manual**

Operated by hand.

**manufacture**

Made by hand  
or machine.

**manicure**

A treatment on  
fingernails.

**manipulate**

To handle skillfully.

**manuscript**

A handwritten  
document.

**manu**

**hand**

# Latin Root Words

**terrain**

An area of land.

**territory**

A region of land.

**terrace**

A porch or walkway.

**subterranean**

Underground.

**terrarium**

An enclosure for living plants.

**terr**

**Earth/land**

# Latin Root Words

**omnibus**

A long motor vehicle  
for passengers.

**omnivore**

Animals that eat  
plants and meat.

**omniscience**

Knowing everything.

**omnify**

To make something  
universal.

**omnipotent**

Having  
unlimited power.

**omni**

**all**