

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