

GREEK ROOTS

ROOT	MEANING	EXAMPLES
acr, acro	beginning, tip, end, top, peak, summit	acronym, acrophobia
actin	ray	actinology, actinoid
agog	lead, leader	demagogue, synagogue
andr	male	androgynous, misandry
anthrop	man, mankind	anthropology, misanthrope
arch	first, ancient, chief	monarch, archaeology
arthr	joint	arthritis, arthropod
aster	star	astrology, asterisk
auto	self	automaton, autonomy, autocratic
bar	pressure	barometer, isobar
bibl	book	bibliophile, Bible
bio	life	amphibious, biology
cac(o)	harsh, bad	cacophony, cachexia
cardi	heart	cardiologist, pericardium
carp	fruit	monocarpic, carpophgous
cephal	head	encephalitis, cephalopod
chrom	color	chromatic, chromosome
chron	time	synchronize, anachronism
chthon	earth	autochthonous, chthonic
cline	dip, slope	isocline, geosyncline
cosm	order, world	cosmology, microcosm
crat	power, rule, government	democracy, autocrat
cry	frost	cryology, cryogenics
crypt	secret, hidden	cryptic, cryptogram
cycl	circle, wheel	bicycle, cyclic, cyclone
cyt	cell	cytoplasm, cytology
dactyl	finger	dactylic, pterodactyl
dem	people	democracy, demotic, epidemic
derm	skin	epidermis, hypodermic
deuter	second	Deuteronomy, Deuterium
dox	belief, teaching	orthodox, doxology
dyn	power, strength	dynamo, heterodyne, dynasty

eo	dawn	eohippis, Eocene
erg	work, power	erg, energy, energetic
ethno	race, people, cultural group	ethnology, ethnocentric
gam	marry, mate, sexual union	gamete, monogamous, bigamy
gen	kind, race, source	genesis, genealogy
geo	earth	geography, George
ger	old age	geriatrics, gerontology
glot	language, tongue	polyglot, epiglottis
gon	corner, angle	trigonometry, polygon
gram	write, writing	grammar, telegram, epigram
graph	write, writing	graphite, orthography
gyn	woman, female	gynecology, misogynist
hagi	holy	hagiographer, hagiolatriy
hem	blood	hemorrhage, hemoglobin
helio	sun	heliotropic, heliacal
hepat	liver	hepatic, hepatitis
hetero	other, different	heterodox, heterogeneous
hier	holy	hierophant, hierarchy
homo	same	homogeneous, homograph
hydr	water	hydrogen, dehydrate, anhydrous
hygr	moisture	hygrometer
iatr	heal, cure	iatric, geriatrics, pediatrics
iso	same, equal	isosceles, isotope, isonomy
lith	rock, stone	monolith, neolithic
log, ology	speech, word, study, reason	epilogue, logarithm, theology
mega	large, enlargement	megaphone, megacephalic
metr, meter	measure	diameter, metronome, trigonometry
miso	hatred	misoneism, misology
mnasthai	memory	mnemonic, memory
mono, mon	one, single	monogamy, monotonous
morph	form	morphology, amorphous
necr	dead, die	necrology, necrotic
neo	new, recent	neologism, neolithic
nephr	kidney	nephritis, nephron
neur	nerve	neuralgia, neurasthenia
nom	law, rule	autonomy, economy, metronome

odont	tooth	orthodontia, peridontics
oen, eno	wine	oenologist, oenomania
onym, nym	name, word	anonymous, pseudonym
ornith	bird	ornithology
orth	straight, correct	orthodox, orthodontist
paleo	old	paleontology, paleolithic
pan	all, entire	panorama, pandemonium
path	feeling, disease, sufferer	psychopath, apathy, pathology
ped, paed	child, boy	orthopedic, pediatrician
phan	appearance	phantom, theophany
phil	like, love	philanthropic, philology
phob	fear	phobia, claustrophobia
phon	sound	phonetics, telephone, euphony
phor	bearing, carrying, having	semaphore, phosphorous
phos, phot	light	phosphorous, photograph
phyll	leaf	phyllopod, chlorophyll
plasi	formation	neoplasm, homoplasia
plegia	to strike, paralysis	paraplegia, hemiplegia
pneum	air, wine, lung	pneumatic, pneumonia
pod	foot	tripod, podiatrics, podium
polis	city, people	metropolitan, political
poly	many	polygon, polygamy
pseudo	false	pseudopod, pseudepigrapha
psych	mind	psychiatry, psychology
pyr	fire	pyrex, pyre, pyrotechnic
rhin	nose	rhinoceros, rhinoplasty
rrhage, rrhea	flow	hemorrhage, logorrhea
scop	watch, look at	microscope, telescope
seism	earthquake	seismograph
som	body	psychosomatic, soma
soph	wise, wisdom	sophomore, philosopher
taut	same	tautology, tautomerism
tax, tact	arrange, arrangement	taxidermy, tactics
techn	art, craft, technique	polytechnical, technician
tele	far, distant	telegram, telepathy
theo	god	thearchy, theology

therm	heat	thermal, thermometer
tom	cut, split	atom, appendectomy
trop	turn	phototropic, tropic
troph	nutrition, growth	atrophy, polytrophic
typ	model, print	type, prototype
thanatos	death	thanatopsis, thanataphobia
thaum	miracle	thaumaturge, thaumatrope