

LATIN ROOTS

ROOT	MEANING	EXAMPLES
ac, acr	sour, sharp	acute, acrid, acumen, acrimonious
aero	air	aerodynamics, aerodyne, aerosol
ag, act	do, drive, move, impel	agile, agent, act, agenda, reaction
agr	field	agriculture, agrarian, agronomy
alb	white	albino, albinism, albedo
ali	other	alien, alibi, alias
alt	high	altitude, altimeter, alto
alter	other, change	alter, alternate, alternant
ambul	walk	ambulatory, ambulant
amic, am	love, friend	amity, amatory, amicable
ampli	large	ampliation, ample, amplification
anim	mind, soul, spirit	animate, animosity, magnanimity
ani, enni	year	annals, anniversary, perennial
apt, ept	adjust, fit	adapt, aptitude, inept
api	bee	apiary, apian, apiarist
aqu	water	aquatic, aquarium, aqueduct
arm	arm, weapon	army, disarming, armory, armament
art	skill, craft, art	artisan, artful, artificial
aud, audit	hear	audible, audience, auditorium
aug	increase	augment, augmentative
aur	gold	aureate, aureole, auriferous
avi	bird	aviary, aviatrix, aviculture
bel, bell	war	bellicose, belligerent, rebel
bene, ben	well, good	benefit, benefactor, benediction
brev	short, brief	brevity, abbreviate, abridge
bull	boil	ebullient, ebullition
cand	white, glowing	incandescent, candle, candent
cant	sing	cantation, cantata, cantilate
cap, capt, cept, cip	take	capable, capacity, captious, reception, anticipate
capit	head	capital, decapitate, per capita
carn	meat, flesh	incarnate, carnal, carnivorous
ced, ceed, cess	move, yield, go	recede, proceed, concession
cent	hundred	century, centennial, centipede

cern, cert	perceive, separate, decide	discern, ascertain, certify
cid, dis	cut, kill	incision, homicide, fratricide
cit	summon, impel	excite, citation, incite
civ	citizen, city	civilian, civic, civilize, civility
clam, claim	shout, cry	clamor, proclaim, exclamation
clar	clear	clarify, clarity, clarinet, declare
clin	bend, lean	decline, declension, inclination
clud, clus, clau, clos	shut, close	conclude, closet, occlude, exclusion, claustrophobia
cogn	know, be acquainted	incognito, recognize, cognizant
commun	common	community, communion, communication
copi, op	abundance, wealth	copious, opulent
cord	heart	cordial, discord, accord, concord
corn	horn, point	cornucopia, cornea, corniculate
corp	body	corpuscle, corporation, corpulent
cred	belief, trust	credible, credulous, credit
cresc, cret	rise, grow	crescent, concrete, accretion
cruc	cross	crucifixion, crucifer, cruciform
culp	fault, blame	culpable, culprit, exculpate
cupr	copper	cupreous, cuprous, cupric
cur	care, care for	accurate, security, curator
cur, curr, curs	run, cours	curriculum, concur, recurrent
dec	ten	decimal, decimate, decennial
dent	tooth	dentist, denture, indent
dict	say, speak, word	diction, contradict, abdicate
digit	finger	digitate, digitgrade, digital
dign	worth, worthy	dignify, indignity, condign
doc, doct	teach, prove	docile, doctrine, indoctrinate
domin	master	dominate, domain, predominant
dorm	sleep	dormant, dormitory, dormer
du	two	duel, duet, duplicate
duc, duct	lead	adduce, seduce, abduct, education
dur	hard, lasting	durable, obdurate, duration
ego	I, self	egotist, egoist, egocentric
equi, equ	equal	equality, equity, equinox
err	wander	errata, erratic, aberration
ev	time, age	medieval, longevity, primeval

fabul	story	fable, fabulous, fabliau
fac, fact, fec, fic	do, make, put	facile, facsimile, calefacient, defect, efficacious, factotem
fer	bear, yield, carry	confer, defer, offer, fertile
ferv	boil, bubble	fervor, perfervid, effervescent
fid	belief, faith	fidelity, perfidious, infidel
fin	end, limit	final, infinite, definitive
firm	strong, steadfast	confirm, firmament, infirmary, affirm
flor	flower	floral, florid, florescence, flourish
flect, flex	bend, twist	flexible, circumflex, genuflect
flu, fluct	flow	influence, flux, superfluous
foli	leaf	foliate, foliage, foliaceous
form	form, shape	conform, uniform, reformation
fort	strong	fortify, fortitude, effort, force
frag, fract	break	fragile, fragment, fraction, refract
frat	brother	fraternity, fraternize, fratricide
fund, fus	pour, melt	transfuse, suffuse, refund, foundry
gest, ger	carry, produce	gestation, gesture, ingest, gerund
grad, gress	take steps, step, go, walk	digress, gradient, aggression, egress, degrade, ingredient
grat	please, favor, thankful	gratitude, gratuity, congratulate
grav	weigh, heavy	gravity, gravitation, aggravate
grex, greg	flock, herd	congregate, gregarious, egregious
her, hes	cling, stick	adhere, coherence, adhesion
herb	grass	herbivorous, herbalist, herbicide
horr	shudder at	horrendous, horror, abhorrent
hum	be moist	humidify, humidity, humidior
ig	fire	igneous, ignite, ignescent
irid, irido	rainbow, iris of eye	iridescence, iridic, iridectomy
it	go, travel	exit, transit, circuit, itinerary
jac, ject	throw, hurl, cast	ejaculate, eject, rejection
jud	judge	judicious, adjudicate, prejudice
junct	join	juncture, disjunctive, adjunct
jur	swear	conjure, abjure, perjury
labor	work	laboratory, elaborate, laborious
lact	milk	lactescent, lactiferous, lacteal
langu	feel weak	languor, languish, languid
latus	wide, side	latitudinarian, equilateral, latitude

laud	praise	laudable, applaud, laudation
leg	law	legislate, illegal, illegitimate
leg, lig, lect	gather, choose, read	legible, eligible, lectern, college
lev, leger	light, rise	levitation, elevate, levity
lingu	tongue, language	linguist, lingulate, bilingual
liter	letter	literal, alliterate, illiterate
loc	place	locus, locale, allocate, location
locu, loqu	talk, speech	colloquial, obloquy, location
luc	light	translucent, lucid, elucidate
luna	moon	lunar, paralun, lunate, lunatic
magn	great, large	magnitude, magnanimous, magnate
mal	bad	malady, malevolent, malediction
man, manu	hand	manacle, manicure, manual
mar	sea	marine, maritime, submarine
mater, matr	mother	maternity, matricide, matriarchy
medi	middle	mediocre, mediate, medieval
memor	memory	memorial, remember, memorable
merg, mers	dip, plunge	submerge, emergent, immersion
meso	middle	mesomorph, mesosphere, mesozoic
migr	depart	migratory, immigration, emigrant
min	less, little	minus, minimize, minority
mit, miss	send	admit, omit, missile, emissary
mob, mo, mot, mov	move	mobile, remote, move, motor
mon, monit	warn	admonish, monitor, monish
monstr	show	demonstrate, remonstrate, monstrate
mont	mountain	mount, amount, dismount
mor, mort	die, death	moribund, mortuary, immortal
multi	many	multitude, multiple, multifarious
mur	wall	mural, immure
mut, mutat	change	immutable, transmute, mutation
natur	nature	natural, native, naturopathy
nav	ship, sail	naval, navigate, circumnavigate
neg	deny	negate, renege, negative
nomen, nomin	name	nomenclature, nominee, cognomen
nov	new	novelty, innovate, renovate
nox	harmful	noxious, obnoxious, noxiousness

num	marry	nubial, connubial, nuptials
ocul	eye	ocular, oculist, binocular
offic	duty	office, officious, officer
omni	all	omnipotent, omnivorous, omniscient
onus	load, burden	onus, onerous
ora	speak, pray	orate, oratorio, oracular
ord	order	disorder, ordinance, ordinary, ordain
orn	decorate	ornate, adorn, ornament
pac, pax	peace	pacify, Pax Romana, pacific
par	equal	par, disparity, disparate, separate
par	make ready, shield	prepare, repair, pare
pater, patr	father	paternal, patrimony, patristic
pecuni	money	pecuniary, impecunious
ped	foot	pedal, centipede, quadruped
pel, puls	drive, urge	repel, compulsion, impulse
pend, pens	hand, weigh, pay	expensive, pension, suspend, pendant
pet	seek, ask, strive for	competitor, petulant, petition
petr	rock	petrified, petrography, petroglyph
pisci	fish	Pisces, piscary, pisciculture
plan	level	plane, explain, explanation
plen	full	plenty, plentitude, replenish
plic, pli, ply	fold, bend	duplicity, replica, imply
plumb	lead(metal)	plumbiferous, plumb, plumbeous
pomi	apple, fruit	pomander, pomade, pommel
pon, pos	place, put	postpone, proponent, deposit
port	carry	porter, export, portable, comportment
popul	people	popular, populous, population
pot	power	impotent, omnipotent, potentiality
prehend, prehens	seize	prehensile, apprehend, comprehension
press	press, force	press, pressure, oppress, expression
prim	first	primer, primitive, primeval
prob	good	probation, opprobrium, prove
propr	one's own, fitting	property, probity, proper
quir, quis	ask, seek	inquire, inquisition, requisition
quasi	somewhat, seemingly	quasi-judicial, quasi, quasiperiodic
radi	ray	radiant, radial, irradiate

reg	straighten, rule	regiment, regal, interregnum, regicide
rid, ris	laugh	ridiculous, deride, derision
rog	ask	interrogate, rogation, derogative
rupt	break	rupture, abrupt, interrupt
salv	safe	salvation, salvage, salvo
sanct	holy	sanction, sanctuary, sanctimonious
sang	blood	sanguine, consanguinity, sanguinary
sci	know	science, conscious, prescient
scrib, script	write	inscribe, transcribe, scriptures
sed, sid, sess, sej	sit, seat	sedentary, supersede, sejant, sessile, session, assiduous
seg, sect	cut	segment, sector, dissect
semin	seed	seminal, seminiferous, disseminate
sen	old	senior, senile, senescence, senate
sens, sent	feel	sensory, sensuous, sentimental, sentient
seq, secut, sue	follow	sequel, consequence, ensue, persecute
serv	keep, save, serve	conserve, preserve, service, servant
silv	forest	sylvan, silva, silviculture
simil	like	similar, similitude, assimilate
sist	stand	insist, persistence, desist
sol, soli	alone	solitude, solitaire, desolate
solid	compact	solid, consolidate, solder
solv, solu, solut	loosen, free	solvent, soluble, absolute
somni	sleep	somnambulate, somniferous, somnific
son	sound	unison, resonance, dissonance
spec, spic, spect	look, see	specimen, despicable, circumspect
spir	breathe	aspire, perspiration, spirit
sta	stand, firm	stable, establish, station, status
string, strict	bind tight	stringent, restrict, stricture
stru, struct	build	structure, construe, destruction
suad, suas	advise	persuade, dissuade, suasion
sud	sweat	sudorific, sudatorium, sudatory
sum, sumpt	take, spend	consumption, presume, assume
tang, ting, tig, tact	touch	tangible, tactile, contingent, contiguous, contact
tempor	time	contemporary, temporal, extemporaneous
teg, tect	cover	integument, protect, tegular
ten, tin, tent	hold	tenure, retentive, continence

tend, tens, tent	stretch	distend, tendency, pretense
tenu	thin	tenuous, attenuate, extenuate
terr, ter	land	terrestrial, subterranean, disinter
test	witness	testify, testimony, testament
torp	numb	torpid, torpor, torpedo
tort, tors	twist	distort, contortion, torsion
tract, tra	draw, pull, drag	traction, distract, train
trib	assign	attribute, distribute, contribute
trud, trus	thrust	intrusion, protrude, abstruse
turb	agitate	turbid, turbulence, disturbance
turg	swell	turgid, turgescence, turgor
umbr	shade	umbrella, adumbrate, penumbra
und	wave	undulant, inundate, abundant
uni	one	unity, uniform, unison
urb	city	urbanity, suburban, urbane
vac	empty	vacant, vacuous, evacuate
vad, vas	go	pervade, evasion, pervasive
ven, vent	come, go	intervene, convene, event, prevent
ver	true	verily, veracity, verisimilitude
verb	word	verbal, verbose, verbiage
verm	worm	vermicular, vermiculate
vert, vers	turn	aversion, inadvertent, convent
vest	dress	vesture, divest, vestment
vid, vis	see	visual, evident, supervisor
vinc, vict	conquer	convince, victor, invincible, evict
vit, viv	life, lively	vitality, vitamin, vivid
voc, vok	call	vocation, invoke, advocate
vol	wish	volition, volunteer, malevolent
volv, volu, volut	roll, turn	evolve, devolve, evolution, convolution
vulg	common	vulgar, vulgate, divulge