

Common Greek and Latin Roots

Root	Meaning	Origin	Examples
Aud	Hear	Latin	Audiophile, auditorium, audition
Astro	Star	Greek	Astrology, astronaut, asteroid
Bio	Life	Greek	Biography, biology
Dict	Speak, tell	Latin	Dictate, predict, dictator
Geo	Earth	Greek	Geology, geography
Meter	Measure	Greek	Thermometer, barometer
Min	Small, little	Latin	Minimum, minimal
Mit, mis	send	Latin	Mission, transmit, remit, missile
Ped	Foot	Latin	Pedestrian, pedal, pedestal
Phon	Sound	Greek	Phonograph, microphone, phoneme
Port	Carry	Latin	Transport, portable, import
Scrib, script	Write	Latin	Scribble, manuscript, inscription
Spect	See	Latin	Inspect, spectator, respect
Struct	Build, form	Latin	Construction, destruction, instruct

Most Common Prefixes and Suffixes

prefix	% of all words	suffix	% of all words
• un-	26%	• -s, -es	31%
• re-	14%	• -ed	20%
• in-, im-, il-, ir- (not)	11%	• -ing	14%
• dis-	7%	• -ly	7%
• en-, em-	4%	• -er, -or (agent)	4%
• non-	4%	• -ion, -tion, -ation, -ition	4%
• in-, im- (in)	3%	• -able, -ible	2%
• over-	3%	• -al, -ial	1%
• mis-	3%	• -y	1%
• sub-	3%	• -ness	1%
• pre-	3%	• -ity, -ty	1%
• inter-	3%	• -ment	1%
• fore-	3%	• -ic	1%
• de-	2%	• -ous, -eous, -ious	1%
• trans-	2%	• -en	1%
• super-	1%	• -er	1%
• semi-	1%	• -ive, -ative, -tive	1%
• anti-	1%	• -ful	1%
• anti-	1%	• -less	1%
• mid-	1%	• -est	1%
• under- (too little)	1%	• ALL OTHERS	7%
• ALL OTHERS	3%		