

100 MOST COMMON ROOTS, STEMS, AND COMBINING FORMS

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| | | |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| a/an- | not | Latin/Greek |
| ab- | away | Latin |
| ad- | to | Latin |
| aer- | air | Latin |
| algia | pain | Greek |
| ambul- | to walk | Latin |
| ante- | before | Latin |
| anthrop- | man | Greek |
| anti- | against | Latin |
| apo- | away | Greek |
| -archy | government | Greek |
| astr-/aster- | star | Greek |
| aud- | to hear | Latin |
| auto- | self | Greek |
| biblio- | book | Greek |
| brev- | short | Latin |
| card- | heart | Greek |

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|----------------|----------------|-------|
| cata-/kata- | down | Greek |
| caud- | tail | Latin |
| cephal- | head | Greek |
| chir-/cheir- | hand | Greek |
| chrom- | color | Greek |
| chron- | time | Greek |
| clav- | key | Latin |
| com-/con-/col- | together | Latin |
| contra- | against | Latin |
| -cracy | rule | Greek |
| crypt- | hidden, secret | Greek |
| cryst- | crystal, ice | Greek |
| dactyl- | finger, digit | Greek |
| dendro- | tree | Greek |
| derm(ato)- | skin | Greek |
| dia- | across | Greek |
| dis- | away | Latin |
| -duct | to lead | Latin |

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|--------------|--------------------|-------|
| dys- | abnormal, diseased | Greek |
| ex-/ef-/e- | out | Latin |
| endo- | within | Greek |
| eu- | good | Greek |
| flor- | flower | Latin |
| form | shape | Latin |
| glac- | ice | Latin |
| gloss- | tongue | Greek |
| graph | to write | Greek |
| hem-/hemo- | blood | Greek |
| hydr-/hydro- | water | Greek |
| iso- | equal | Greek |
| -itis | inflammation | Greek |
| lith- | rock, stone | Greek |
| log-/logo- | word | Greek |
| -lysis | breaking down | Greek |

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| | | |
|---------------|----------------|-------|
| -machy | fighting | Greek |
| melan- | black | Greek |
| meta- | beyond | Greek |
| morph- | shape, form | Greek |
| noct- | night | Latin |
| onycho- | nail | Greek |
| onym | name | Greek |
| ophthalm- | eye | Greek |
| osis | condition | Greek |
| ot- | ear | Greek |
| para- | | Greek |
| ped- | foot | Latin |
| penta-/pente- | five | Greek |
| peri- | around | Greek |
| phag-/phagy | eating, to eat | Greek |
| phil- | loving, love | Greek |
| phobia | fear | Greek |

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| | | |
|----------------|--------------|-------|
| phon- | sound | Greek |
| phor- | to bear | Greek |
| phyll- | leaf | Greek |
| -phyte | plant | Greek |
| photo- | light | Greek |
| pisc- | fish | Latin |
| pneum- | air, breath | Greek |
| pod- | foot | Greek |
| poly- | many | Greek |
| post- | after | Latin |
| pre- | before | Latin |
| pro- | in front of | Latin |
| pseud-/pseudo- | fake | Greek |
| psych- | mind, spirit | Greek |
| pter- | wing | Greek |

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|------------------|----------------|-------|
| quadri- /quadra- | four | Latin |
| rogat | to ask | Latin |
| sect | to cut | Latin |
| sem- | sign | Greek |
| sub- | below | Latin |
| super- | above | Latin |
| sym-/syn- | together | Greek |
| terr- | land | Latin |
| tetra- | four | Greek |
| -tomy | to cut | Greek |
| tox- | poison | Greek |
| uni- | one | Latin |
| vivi- | live | Latin |
| vor- | eating, to eat | Latin |
| xanth- | yellow | Greek |
| xeno- | foreign | Greek |
| zo- | animal | Greek |