

Vocabulary Lesson One

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Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
angle	<i>corner</i>	triangle, quadrangle
bi	<i>two</i>	bicycle, bivalve
cycle	<i>circle, wheel</i>	cyclone, bicycle
gon	<i>angle</i>	polygon, octagon
hexa	<i>six</i>	hexagram, hexafluoride
octo	<i>eight</i>	October, octopus
pent	<i>five</i>	Pentagon, pentagram
poly	<i>many</i>	polygamous, polygraph
quad	<i>four</i>	quadruped, quadruple
semi	<i>half, part</i>	semicircle, semiquaver
tri	<i>three</i>	tricycle, tripod
uni	<i>one</i>	unicycle, universe

We will be following a vocabulary program that focuses on the mostly Greek and Latin roots of many English words. It is hoped that such a course of study will familiarize students with the foundation of the English language and provide them with tools necessary to tackle even unfamiliar words with which they will inevitably come into contact.

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Vocabulary Lesson Two

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Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
baro	<i>weight</i>	barometer, baroscope
cent	<i>hundred</i>	centimeter, century
deci	<i>ten</i>	decimeter, decimate
dynamo	<i>power</i>	thermodynamics, dynamo
gram	<i>written, drawn</i>	hexagram, neurogram
hydro	<i>water</i>	hydrometer, dehydrate
meter	<i>measure</i>	pentameter, barometer
micro	<i>small</i>	micrometer, micron
milli	<i>thousand, thousandth</i>	millimeter, millennium
mono	<i>one</i>	monogram, monologue
multi	<i>many</i>	multigram, multiply
therm	<i>heat</i>	thermometer, isotherm

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Vocabulary Lesson Three

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Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
anthropo	<i>man, mankind</i>	anthropology, anthropoid
astro	<i>star</i>	astrology, asteroid
centric	<i>center</i>	theocentric, central
chrono	<i>time</i>	chronometer, synchronize
eu	<i>good, well</i>	eulogy, euphemism
geo	<i>earth</i>	geology, geography
helio	<i>sun</i>	heliocentric, heliograph
logy	<i>study, science of</i>	chronology, biology
peri	<i>around</i>	periscope, perigee
scope	<i>see</i>	microscope, gyroscope
tele	<i>far</i>	telescope, telegraphy
theo	<i>god</i>	theology, theist

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Vocabulary Lesson Four

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Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
cardio	<i>heart</i>	cardiograph, cardiac
auto	<i>self</i>	autobiography, automatic
phono	<i>sound</i>	phonograph, Dictaphone
bio	<i>life</i>	biography, biology
chrom	<i>color</i>	photochromy, chromatic
graph	<i>written, drawn</i>	heliograph, graphology
hemi	<i>half</i>	hemisphere, hemicycle
litho	<i>stone</i>	megalith, lithoid
macro	<i>long, large</i>	macrograph, macron
mega	<i>great, large</i>	megaphone, megalomania
photo phos	<i>light</i>	photograph, photosynthesis
sphere	<i>circle</i>	lithosphere, atmosphere

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Vocabulary Lesson Five

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metry	<i>measurement</i>	geometry, trigonometry
syn, sym	<i>together, same time</i>	symmetry, synchronize
patho	<i>feeling, disease</i>	sympathy, apathetic
onym	<i>name</i>	synonym, acronym
homo	<i>same</i>	homonym, homogeneous
gen	<i>origin, birth, race</i>	homogenize, eugenics
hetero	<i>different</i>	heterogeneous, heterchromatic
dox	<i>belief, opinion</i>	heterodox, doxology
ortho	<i>straight, correct</i>	orthodox, orthography
odont	<i>tooth</i>	orthodontist, odontology
ped	<i>child</i>	orthopedic, pedagogy
iatric	<i>medical treatment</i>	pediatric, geriatric

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Vocabulary Lesson Six

Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
arch	<i>first, chief, or ruler</i>	Archetype, monarch, oligarchy, gynarchy, archbishop, architect, hierarchy...
biblio	<i>book</i>	Bibliography, bibliomania, Bible, bibliopeggy, bibliotheca, bibliofilm...
cracy, crat	<i>govern, government</i>	Democracy, technocracy, theocracy, autocracy, theocrat...
demo	<i>people</i>	Pandemic, epidemic, demography, demagogue, endemic, democrat...
gam	<i>marriage</i>	Misogamy, polygamy, bigamy, monogamous, heterogamous...
gyn	<i>woman</i>	Philogyny, gynecology, gynecocracy, polygyny, gynephobia...
miso	<i>hatred, wrong, bad</i>	Misogynist, misanthrope, misconduct, misplace, misadventure, misology...
pan	<i>all</i>	Panchromatic, panorama, pantheism, panacea, pansophic...
phil	<i>love</i>	Bibliophile, philanthropy, Francophile, Anglophile, hemophilia, philately...
pod	<i>foot</i>	Tripod, podiatry, antipodes, chiropody, megapod, podium...
soph	<i>wise or wisdom</i>	Philosophy, philosopher, sophistry, theosophic, sophisticated, pansophism....
type	<i>model, print</i>	Typewriter, prototype, typical, type, typify, monotype, archetype...

Vocabulary Lesson Seven

Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
techno	<i>skill, art, or craft</i>	Technocracy, polytechnic, technical, technique, technology, technochemistry...
pyro	<i>fire</i>	Pyrotechnics, pyrex, pyrogenic, apyretic, antipyretic, pyre, pyrometer...
mania	<i>madness for</i>	Pyromania, kleptomania, bibliomania, monomania, maniac, megalomania...
phobia	<i>fear of</i>	Pyrophobia, claustrophobia, Anglophobia, hydrophobia, photophobia...
acro	<i>height, edges, or pointed</i>	Acrophobia, acronym, acrobat, acropolis, acrogen, acrolith...
cephalo	<i>skull, head, brain</i>	Acrocephaly, hydrocephalus, megacephalic, cephalopod, cephalometry, microcephaly...
multi	<i>many</i>	multicephalic, multilingual, multiform, multi-colored, multiplication, multitude ...
morph	<i>form</i>	morphology, amorphous, anthropomorphic, morphene, allomorph, protomorphic...
pseudo	<i>false</i>	Pseudomorph, pseudoscience, pseudonym, pseudoclassic, pseudoaquatic...
carp	<i>fruit</i>	Pseudocarp, acrocarpous, carpology, monocarpus...
endo	<i>within</i>	Endocarp, endocrine, endosperm, endothermic, endomorph, endocardial....
toxic	<i>poison</i>	Endotoxin, toxicology, antitoxin, toxin, toxicant, intoxicated, toxicogenic...

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Vocabulary Lesson Eight

Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
hemo	<i>blood</i>	Hemophilia, hemostat, hemoglobin, hemorrhage, toxemia, anemia...
lysis	<i>loosening, destroying</i>	Hemolysis, paralysis, catalysis, hydrolysis, lysimeter, neurolysis...
cyto	<i>cell</i>	Cytolysis, cytogenesis, cytology, cytaster, cytoplasm...
kine, cine	<i>move</i>	Cytokinesis, kinetics, cinema, cinematography, kinescope, kinetograph, kinesiology...
aesthet	<i>feeling, perception</i>	Kinesthesia, telesthesia, aesthete, esthetics, anesthesia...
neuro	<i>nerve</i>	Neurasthenia, neurology, neuralgia, neurosis, neurologist, psychoneurologist...
hiero	<i>sacred</i>	Hierocracy, hierology, hierodule, hierach, heiroglyphyist...
glyph	<i>carve</i>	Hieroglyphic, glyph, glyphography, glyptograph...
paleo	<i>ancient, prehistoric</i>	Paleolithic, paleozoic, paleontology, paleobotany, paleolith, paleography...
zoo	<i>animal</i>	Paleozoology, zoo, zoophobia, zoomorphism, zoometry, zoology, zodiac
proto	<i>first</i>	Protozoan, protocol, protoplasm, proton, protomorphic, prototype...
agon	<i>contest, struggle</i>	Protagonist, antagonist, agony, agonistic, agon, antagonize...

Vocabulary Lesson Nine

Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
trope	<i>turning</i>	Heliotrope, tropic, thermotropism, trope, stereotropism...
cosmo	<i>universe</i>	Cosmology, cosmogony, cosmic, cosmography, microcosm, cosmos ...
polis	<i>city</i>	Cosmopolitan, metropolis, police, metropolitan, politician...
necro	<i>dead</i>	Necropolis, necrophobia, necropsy, necrology, necromancy, necrophilism...
stereo	<i>3 dimension</i>	Stereophonic, stereoscope, stereotype, stereography, stereoscopy...
petro	<i>stone</i>	Petrify, petrous, petroleum, petrolatum, petroglyph, petrology...
idio	<i>personal</i>	Ideograph, idiosyncrasy, idioelectric, idiom, idiophone...
agog	<i>leader</i>	Pedagogue, demagogue, demagogy, mystagogue...
plasia	<i>Mold, change</i>	Plastic, cataplasia, cytoplasmic, neuroplastic, plasticize...
crypt	<i>hidden</i>	Cryptogram, cryptic, cryptogenic, crypt, cryptanalysis, cryptonym...
mechane	<i>machine</i>	Mechanics, machine, mechanize, mechanical, mechanism, mechanotherapy...
iso	<i>equal</i>	Isotherm, isotope, isosceles, isobar, isostatic, isopod...

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Vocabulary Lesson Ten

Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
ab	<i>away from</i>	Absent, absention, abscess
be	<i>on all sides, overly</i>	Bemuse, besmear, bemoan
de	<i>reversal, undoing, downward</i>	Devolve, descend, deprogram
dis, dif	<i>not, reversal</i>	Dislike, dislocate, disapprove
ex	<i>out of, former</i>	Exit, exhale, excuse
pre	<i>before</i>	Prefigure, predict, preplan
re	<i>again, restore</i>	Retake, return, relearn
un	<i>do the opposite of</i>	Unlike, unprofitable, unfit
ad	<i>to, toward</i>	Adhere, adhesive, admit
com, con, co	<i>with, together</i>	Community, common, concord
en, em	<i>in, into, to cover or contain</i>	Enmesh, envelope, environment
in	<i>into, not</i>	Invulnerable, invincible, insidious