| Root | Definition | Examples |
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| Ac | Sharp | Acute, exacerbate, acid, acerbic |
| Acr | Sharp | Acrimonious, acrid, acrimony |
| Aer | Air | Aerosol, aerobics |
| Ag | Act, do | Agent, agitate, agenda |
| Agr | Field | Agriculture, agronomy, agrarian |
| Alb | White | Albino, albumen, album |
| Alg | Pain | Neuralgia, nostalgia, analgesic |
| Alt | High | Altitude, altimeter |
| Alter | Other | Alter ego, altercation, alternate, <br> alternator |
| Am | To love | Amiable, amicable, amorous, <br> amateur |
| Ambi | Around, both | Ambitious, ambiguous, <br> ambidextrous, ambivalent |
| Amphi | Around, both | Amphitheater, amphibian |
| Ana | Back, throughout, <br> similar to | Anagram, analysis, analogy <br> Anim <br> Mind, soul, spirit, <br> passion <br> Animate, unanimity, animosity, <br> unanimous |
| Ann | Year | Annual, annuity, anniversary, <br> annals |
| Arch | Ancient, first | Archive, archetype, archaic, |
| Anthrop | Human | Anthropology, philanthropist, <br> misanthrope, anthropoid |
| Aqua | Water | Aquatic, aquarium, aqueduct, <br> aquamarine |
| Arbitr | To Judge, <br> Consider | Arbitration, arbitrator |
| architect, patriarch, anarchy |  |  |


|  |  | archaeology |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Arm | Army, weapon | Army, armor, armory |
| Aster | Star | Asterisk, aster, asteroid, disaster |
| Astr | Star | Astronomy, astronaut, astrology, <br> astronomical |
| Aud | To hear | Audible, audition, audience, <br> auditorium, audit |
| Auto | Self (powered) | Automobile, autograph, <br> automatic |
| Avi | Ward | Aviary, avian, aviator, aviation |
| Bell | Well, good | Rebellion, rebel, belligerent, |
| bellicose |  |  |


| Cata | Down | Catastrophe, cataract, cataclysm, <br> catapult |
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| Cede | Go, yield | Cede, precede, concede, accede, <br> antecedent |
| Ceed | Go, yield | Proceed, exceed, succeed |
| Ceive | Take | Receive, conceive |
| Cele | Honor | Celebrate, celebrity |
| Cent | Cene Hundred | Cents, centipede, centurion, <br> century |
| Center | Center, central, centrifugal, |  |
| concentrate |  |  |


|  |  | clairvoyance |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Claus | Close, shut | Clause, claustrophobia |
| Clos | Close, shut | Cloister, closet, close, disclose |
| Clud | Close, shut | Seclude, exclude, conclude, <br> include |
| Clus | Close, shut | Seclusion, exclusion, conclusion, <br> inclusion |
| Cog | To Know | Cognitive, recognition |
| Com | With | Comfort, compatriot, composure |
| Comp | To Compute | Computer, compute, <br> compensation, |
| Cont | To Join, Unite | Continue, contiguous, contents |
| Contra | Against | Contradict |
| Cord, Card | Heart | Cordial, cardiac, concord, <br> discord, accord |
| Corp | Body | Corpse, corps, corporation, <br> corporal, corporate |
| Cosm | Universe, order | Cosmic, cosmopolitan, <br> cosmonaut, cosmetic |
| Cour | Heart | Courage, courtesy, discourage, <br> encourage |
| Crac | Rule | Democracy, aristocracy, |
| bureaucracy, plutocracy |  |  |


| Cru | Cross | Crusade, crux, crucial |
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| Crypt | Hidden | Crypt, cryptic, cryptography, decryption |
| Culp | Blame | Culprit, culpable, exculpate |
| Curr, curs, corr | Run, care | Excursion, current, curriculum, occur, concur, cursive Curator, secure, manicure, accurate, curate, cure |
| Cycl | Circle | Cyclone, bicycle, cyclic, encyclopedia |
| Deca | Ten | Decade, decathlon |
| Deci | A Tenth | Decimeter, decimate |
| Dem | People | Democracy, epidemic, demagogue, demography |
| Dent, dont | Tooth | Dentist, dentifrice, indent, denture |
| Derm | Skin | Dermatology, dermatitis, taxidermy, epidermis |
| Dia | Through, across | Diameter, diagram |
| Dict, dic | Speak | Dictionary, predict, contradict, dictate, edict |
| Dom | Rule, home | Dominate, domestic, domicile, predominant |
| Domin | Master | Dominate, domain, predominant, domineer |
| Dorm | To Sleep | Dormant, dormitory |
| Duc | Lead | Conducive, deduce, educate, introduce |
| Duct | Lead | Induct, conductor, abduct, aqueduct, deductive |
| Dur | Hard, lasting | Durable, duress, endure, duration |
| Dyn | Power | Dynasty, dynamite |


| Dynam | Power | Dynamite, dynamic, dynamo |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Enn | Year | Biennial, centennial, perennial, millennium |
| Equ | Equal | Equalize, equator, adequate, inequitable, equivalent |
| Erg | Work | Erg, energetic, ergonomics, synergistic |
| Err | Wander | Err, error, erratic, aberration, erroneous, errant |
| Ethn | Nation | Ethnic, ethnicity |
| Ex | Out, from | Exterior |
| Extra | Outside of, beyond | Extraordinary, extracurricular |
| Fac | Make, do | Manufacture, facility, benefactor, factory, faculty, facilitate |
| Famil | Family | Family, familiar, familial |
| Fect | Make, do | Defect, affect, effect, infect |
| Fer | Carry, bear | Ferry, infer, conifer, circumference, prefer, refer |
| Fic | Make, do | Efficacy, artificial, proficient, benefit |
| Fid | Faith | Confide, confident, fidelity, infidel, affidavit |
| Fin | End | Finite, fine, definite, infinite, finish, affinity |
| Flect | Bend | Reflect, inflect, deflect, genuflect |
| Flex | Bend | Flexible, flex, inflexible |
| Flu | Flow | Fluent, confluence, fluctuate, flux, influence |
| Form | Shape, form | Formation, conform, deformed |
| Fort | Strong | Fortify, comfort, fortitude, forte, fort, fortress |


| Fract | Break | Fraction, infraction, refractory, fracture |
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| Frag | Break | Fragile, fragment |
| Frater | Brother | Fraternal, fraternity, fraternize, friar |
| Frig | Cool | Frigid, refrigerator |
| Fum | Smoke, scent | Perfume, fumes, fumigate |
| Fus | Pour | Refuse, diffuse, profuse, transfusion |
| Gam | Marriage | Bigamist, misogamist, gamete |
| Gen | Race, birth, kind, origin | Generation, genius, generate, gentleman, generous, genesis, genetics, genre |
| Geo | Earth | Geode, geology, geometry, geography |
| Gni | Know | Cognitive, recognize |
| Gno, Kno | Know | Ignorant, ignore |
| Gnos | Know | Diagnosis, prognosis, agnostic |
| Grad | Step, walk | Graduate, gradual, degrade, upgrade, grade |
| Gram | Write | Diagram, telegram, program, epigram |
| Graph | Write, Picture | Geography, autograph, graphic, biography |
| Grat | Pleasure, thankful, goodwill, joy | Gratitude, grateful, congratulations |
| Grav, griev, grief | Heavy | Gravity, grief, grave |
| Greg | Flock, herd | Congregation, segregate, gregarious, aggregate |
| Gress | Step, move | Progress, digress, aggressive, transgression, regression |


| Hab | To Have, hold, <br> dwell | Habitat, inhabit, inhabitant |
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| Helio | Sun | Helium, heliocentric, helicopter |
| Hemi | Half | Hemisphere |
| Hemo | Blood | Hemoglobin, hemophilia, <br> hemorrhage, hemorrhoid |
| Hepta | Seven | Heptagon |
| Herb | Related to Plants | Herbs, herbology |
| Hex, hexa | Six | Hexagon |
| Hosp | Guest | Hospitality, hospital |
| Host | Enemy, Stranger | Hostile, hostage |
| Hum | Ground | Humus, exhume, humble, <br> humility |
| Hydr | Water | Hydroplane, hydraulic, <br> dehydrate, hydrant |
| Hygiene | The art of health | Hygiene, hygienic |
| Hyper | Above, more, over | Hyperactive, hyperdrive |
| Hypno | Sleep | Hypnotist, hypnosis |
| Hypo | Under, below, less | Hypodermic |
| Inter | Between | Interstate, intermission |
| Intra | Within, Inside | Intravenous |
| Iso | Equal | Isometric, isotherm, isobar, <br> isotope |
| Ject, Jac | Throw | Reject, trajectory, eject, inject |
| Junct | Join | Juncture, adjunct, conjugal, <br> junction |
| Jur | To take oath | Jury, jurisprudence, conjure, |
| jurisdiction, perjury |  |  |$|$| Juvenile |
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| Juven |
| Yab, labor |
| Work |
| Labor, laboratory |


| Lat | Side, wide | Lateral, "lats" (muscles that give <br> the human back its wide <br> appearance), equilateral, latitude |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Late | Bear, carry | Translate, collate, relative, <br> legislature |
| Lect | Gather, choose, <br> read | Collect, electorate, intellect, <br> neglect |
| Leg, Lig | Law | Legitimate, illegal, legislature, |
| Legacy |  |  |


|  |  | manuscript |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar | Sea | Submarine, marina, mariner |
| Mater | Mother | Matriarch, matrix, maternal, maternity |
| Medi | Middle | Medieval, mediator, immediate, median, intermediate |
| Medic | Physician, to heal | Medic, medicine, medical, paramedic |
| Mega | Great, large | Megaton, megalomania, megabyte, megalith |
| Memor | Mindful | Memory, memorial, Remembrall (the magical device which Neville Longbottom is given in Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone which is intended to help him remember things) |
| Men, min, mon | To think, remind, advise, warn | Admonition, demonstrate |
| Meta | Change, beyond | Metabolism, metaphor, metamorphosis |
| Meter | Measure | Meter, speedometer, diameter, thermometer, perimeter |
| Metr | Measure | Geometry, metric, telemetry, isometric |
| Mid | Middle | Midst, middle, midnight, amid |
| Migr | Wander | Migrate, migrant, immigrant, migratory |
| Milli | A Thousandth Part | Millimeter |
| Mim | Copy | Mimic, mime |
| Min | Small | Miniature, minute, diminutive |
| Mis | Send | Promise, premise, demise |
| Miss | Send | Dismiss, mission, missile, emissary, transmission |


| Mit | Send | Transmit, omit, intermittent, commitment, emit, submit |
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| Mob | Move | Mobile, immobilize |
| Mon | Warn | Admonition, premonition, monitor |
| Morph | Form, shape | Amorphous, morphine, anthropomorphic, ectomorphic |
| Mort | Death | Immortal, mortuary, mortify, mortgage |
| Mot, mov | Move | Motion, motive, promote, emotion, motivation, move |
| Multi | Consisting of Many Parts | Multivitamin, multiple |
| Nais | Born | Renaissance |
| Nas | Born | Nascent |
| Nat | Born | Natural, innate, nation |
| Nav | Ship, sail | Naval, navigate, nave, navy |
| Necess | Unavoidable | Necessary |
| Neo | New | Neon, neophyte, Neolithic |
| Neur, nerv | Nerve | Neuron, nervous, nerves |
| Nihl | None | Nihilism, annihilate |
| Nil | None | Nil |
| Noc | Night | Nocturnal, nocturne |
| Nom | Law, order | Astronomical, economy, metronome |
| Noun | Name | Noun, announce |
| Nox | Harm | Noxious, obnoxious |
| Null | None, nothing | Null, nullify |
| Nym, onym | Name | Synonym, antonym |
| Octa | Eight | Octopus, octagon |


| Omni | All, everywhere | Omniscient, omnipotent |
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| Onoma | Name | Onomatopoeia |
| Onym | Name | Synonym, antonym, homonym, <br> acronym, anonymous |
| Oper | Work | Operate, inoperable, opulent, <br> opera |
| Ops | See | Cyclops |
| Opt | Moe, Choose | Optic Option, adopt, opt, optimist |
| Ora | Order | Oral, oration, orifice, adorable |
| Ord | Straight | Order, ordinary, ordinal, |
| preordain |  |  |$|$| Orthodontist |  |
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| Orth | Mouth, bone |
| Os | Osculate, oscillate, ostracize, |
| ossify |  |


| Per | Through | Pervade, peruse, impervious |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Peri | Around, surrounding | Perimeter, periscope |
| Pet | Seek, try | Compete, petition, impetus, appetite |
| Phil | Love | Philanthropy, philosophy, bibliophile, philology, Philadelphia (City of Brotherly Love) |
| Phob | Fear | Phobia, acrophobia, xenophobia |
| Phon | Sound | Symphony, microphone, phonetics, telephone, microphone |
| Phot | Light | Photography, telephoto, photosynthesis, photogenic |
| Physi | Nature, natural | Physics, physiology, physique, physical |
| Plac | Please | Complacent, placate, placid |
| Plati, Platy | Flat | Platypus, plateau |
| Plex | Fold | Complex, perplex, Plexiglas |
| Plic | Fold | Complicate, duplicity, accomplice, replica |
| Plur, Plus | More | Plus, plural |
| Ply | Fold | Multiply, pliant, display |
| Pneu | breath | Pneumonia, pneumatic |
| Pod | Foot | Podiatrist, podium, tripod |
| Poli | City, Citizen | Politics, police, metropolis, policy |
| Poly | Many | Polygon, polyester, polyhedron |
| Pon | Place, put | Exponent |
| Port | Carry | Port, portable, transport |
| Pos | Place, put | Depose, position, deposit |


| Post | After | Postgame |
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| Pot | Powerful | Potent, potentate |
| Pre | Before | Preliminary, prereading |
| Prim, prin | First | Prime, primary, principle |
| Priv | Separate | Private, deprive, privy |
| Pro | Forward | Progress, proceed |
| Prob | Prove, test, | Probation, problem |
| honest | Mind | Psychic, psychology |
| Psych | Push | Expulsion, compulsive, pulsate, |
| ruls | repulsive, pulse |  |
| Pyr | Fire | Quadruped, Quadrangle |
| Quadr | Four | Query, conquer |
| Quer | Ask, seek | Question, quest |
| Ques | Ask, seek | Inquire, acquire, require |
| Quir | Ask, seek | Inquisitive |
| Quis | Ask, seek | Radius, radial |
| Radi | Ray, spoke of a |  |
| wheel |  |  |


| Sat | Enough (to please) | Satisfy, saturate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Scal | Climb | Scale, escalate, escalator |
| Scend | Climb | Ascend, descend, condescend |
| Sci | To know | Science, conscience |
| Scop | Look | Scope, microscope |
| Scrib | Write | Scribe, prescribe |
| Script | Write | Scripture, script, conscription |
| Secu | Follow | Consecutive, prosecute, execute |
| Sed | Sit | Sediment |
| Semi | Half | Semicircle |
| Sens | Feel | Sense, consensus |
| Sent | Feel | Sentiment, consent |
| Sequ | Follow | Sequel, sequence, consequence |
| Sess | Sit | Session |
| Sid | Sit | President |
| Sig | Sign | Significant, signal, signature, assign, resign |
| Simil, simul, sembl | Together, likeness, same | Similar, simile, Similac, simultaneous, semblance, resemble |
| Sist | Stand | Resist, insist, consist, resistance |
| Soc | Society | Social, societal |
| Socio | Society | Socialize, antisocial, sociopath |
| Sol | Sun | Solar |
| Sol | Alone | Sole, solo, solitude |
| Solv | Free, loose | Solve |
| Somn | Sleep | Insomnia |
| Soph | Wise | Sophisticated, sophomore |


| Sopr | Above, over | Soprano |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Spec | Look | Aspect, speculate |
| Spect | Look | Circumspect, inspect |
| Spic | Look | Conspicuous |
| Spir | Breathe | Inspire, aspire, conspire |
| Spire | Breath, breathe | Inspire, expire, conspire, <br> transpire |
| Sta | Stand | Station, stagnant, status, statue |
| Sti | Stand | constituent |
| Stit | Stand | Constitute, destitute, destination, |
| obstinate |  |  |$|$| Construe, instrument |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Stru | Build | Structure, obstruct, construct, |
| itruct | Build | Suffer, surrender, success |
| Su | Under | Together, with |
| Syllogism |  |  |
| Syl | Together, with | Symphony, symbiotic, symmetry |
| Sym | Together, with | Synopsis, synergy, synthesis |
| Syn | Touch | Tact, contact, intact, tactile |
| Tact | Touch | Contagious |
| Tag | Hold | Tetain, contain, container, |
| sustain |  |  |


| Tend | Stretch toward, <br> give heed | Extend, contend, pretend, <br> tendency |
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| Tens | Stretch | Tension, ostensible, extension |
| Tent | Stretch | Tent, pretentious, attention, <br> tentacles |
| Term | Boundary | Term, terminal, terminate, <br> exterminate |
| Terra, Terre | Earth | Territory, terrain, terrace, <br> terrestrial |
| Test | To witness, affirm | Testify, testament |
| Text | Weave | Textile, texture, textbook, context |
| Thea | Look at | Theater |
| Theo | Sod | Theology, atheist, pantheon, |
| theocracy |  |  |


|  |  | unicorn, unify |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Urb | City | Urban, suburb, urbane, exurbia |
| Urg | Work | Metallurgy, urgent |
| Vac | Empty | Vacuum, evacuate, vacancy, vacuity |
| Val | Strong, worthy | Valiant, valor, value, evaluate |
| Ven | Come | Advent, invent, adventure, convene, event |
| Ver | True | Verdict, verify, very, veracity |
| Verb | Word | Verbal, verbose, verbatim, proverb |
| Vers | Turn | Universe, version, conversation, versatile, diverse |
| Vert | Turn | Divert, advertise, convert, vertebrae |
| Via | Way | Via, viaduct, previous, trivia, deviate |
| Vic | Substitute | Vice president, viceroy, vicarious |
| Vice | Substitute | Vice president, vice admiral |
| Vid | See | Video, evident, provident |
| Vis | See | Visa, improvise, envision, invisible |
| Viv | Live | Vivid, vivacious, vivify, revive |
| Voc | Call, voice | Vocal, vocabulary, vocation, advocate |
| Voke | Call, voice | Provoke, revoke, invoke, evoke |
| Vol | Wish, will | Volunteer, volition, benevolent, malevolent |
| Volv | Roll | Revolve, devolve, volume, convuluted, evolution |
| Zo | Animal | Zoology, zodiac, protozoa |

