

Common Latin Roots		
Root	Definition	Examples
a, an	not, without	atypical, amorphous
ab	to move away	abstract, abstain
ad	to move toward	adjust, advice, adopt
acer, acri	bitter	acerbic, acrid, acrimony
am, amat, amor	love	amorous, amateur
ambi	both	ambiguous, ambidextrous
ante	Before, in front of	antebellum, antecede
anti	against, opposite of	antithero, antipathy
aqua	water	aquarium, aquamarine
aud	to hear	audience, audition
bi	two	bilateral, bisect
bio	life	biology, biography
bene	good	benefactor, benevolent
cardio	heart	cardiologist, cardiac
cent	one hundred	century, percent
cerebro	brain	cerebrum, cerebellum
circum	around	circumference, circumnavigate
con	together with	conform, contract, concert
contra, counter	against	contradict, counterclockwise
corpor	body	corporeal, corpse
cruc	cross	crucifix, cruciform
cut	skin	subcutaneous, cuticle
de	from, down	detach, descend
deca, dec	ten	December, decahedron
dent	teeth	dentist, dentures
dexter	right	dexterous, ambidexterous
di	two different directions	diverge, divest
dict	to say	dictation, dictator
dis	apart, away, reversing force	disbelief, disability
dorm	sleep	dormitory, dormant
dors	back	dorsal
duc, duct	to lead	conduct, induce
fac	to do; to make	factory, manufacture
flu	flow	influence, fluctuate, affluence
form	shape	conform, reform
fort	strength	fortitude, fortress
fract	to break	fracture, fraction
frater	brother	fraternity, fraternal
fund	bottom	foundation, fundamental
gen	to birth	generate, generation, generous
grand	grand	grandiosity, grandiloquence
gust	taste	disgust, gustatory
im, in	not	impossible, inactive
inter	between, among, together	interstate, intercourse
intra	inside, within	intrastate, intramural
ject	throw	projection, rejection
jud	judge	judicial, prejudice

juven	youth	rejuvenate, juvenile
lingu	tongue	linguistic, bilingual
lumin	light	illuminate, luminous
lun	Moon	lunar, lunacy
mal	bad	malevolent, malefactor
man	hand	manual, manuscript
mater	mother	material, maternity
milli	thousand	millipede, millenium
mit	to send	transmit, admit
mort	death	mortal, mortician
multi	many	multimedia, multiple
novem, nonus	nine	November
octo	eight	October
ology	study	biology, physiology
oculo	eye	binocular
pac	peace	pacify, pacifist, pacific
pater	father	paternal, paternity
ped	feet	pedal
per	through, thoroughly	perfection, permeate, pervade
port	to carry	portable, transportation
post	after, later	posterior, postscript
pre	before	precede, presume, predict
prim	first	primal, primary
pro	for, forward	proceed, propagate
quadri, quart	four	quadriceps, quartet
quinque, quint	five	quintuplets
radic	root	radical, eradicate
re	again	repeat, restore
retro	backward, behind	retrospective, retrograde
rupt	to break	bankrupt, disruption
san	health	sanitation, insane
sangui	blood	sanguine, sangroid
scrib, scribe	to write	inscription, scribble
sect, sec	to cut	bisect, section
sens	feel	sense, sensual, sentiment
sent	to feel; to send	consent, resent
sept	seven	September
sex	six	sextuplet
sinistra	left	sinister
sol	Sun	solar, solarium, solstice
soror	sister	sorority
spect	to look	inspection, spectator
struct	to build	construct, restructure
sub	below, underneath	submarine, subpar
terr	earth	territory, terrain
trans	across, over, beyond	trans-Atlantic, transfer
tim	fear	timid, timorous
tri	three	tricorn, trilateral
un	not, none	unpopular, undying

uni	one	unicorn, unicycle
vac	empty	vacuum, evacuate
ver	true	veracity, aver
vid, vis	to see	video, televise
vir	man	virile, virtue
viv	live	revive, survive
voc	voice; to call	vocalize, advocate
Common Greek Roots		
andro	male, man	android, androgyny
anthropo	man; human; humanity	anthropologist, philanthropy
astro	star	astronomy, astral
auto	self	autobiography, automobile
bio	life	biology, biography
cephalo	head	encephalitis, cephalopod
chrom	color	chromatic, monochromatic
chron	time	chronological, chronic
crypt	hidden	cryptic, cryptography
derm	skin	epidermis, echinoderm
di, dy	two	diatomic
dyna	power	dynamic, dynamite
dys	bad; hard; unlucky	dysfunctional, dyslexic
ethn	people	ethnic, ethnography
gastr	stomach	gastronomic, gastric
geo	earth	geology, geometric
gram	written	epigram, telegram
graph	writing	graphic, phonograph
gyn	woman, female	gynecology, gynocracy
hem, haem	blood	hemorrhage, hemorrhoids
hemi	half	hemisphere,
hepta	seven	heptagonal, heptalon
hetero	different	heteronym, heterogeneous
hex	six	hexagram
homo	same	homonym, homogenous
hydr	water	hydration, dehydrate
hyper	above, over	hyperactive, hyperthyroidism
hypo	below; beneath	hypothermia, hypothetical
logy	study	biology, psychology
macro	big	macrophage
medi	middle	medium, mediator
meter, metr	measure	thermometer, perimeter, metric
micro	small	microbe, microscope
mis, miso	hate	misanthrope, misogyny
mono	one	monologue, monotonous
morph	form; shape	morphology, morphing
necr	dead	necropolis, necrophobia
nym	name	patronym, synonym
penta	five	pentagram, pentatonic
octo	eight	octopus, octagon
opt, ophthal	visible, pertaining to vision	optic, panopticon, ophthalmologist

osteo	bone	osteopath, osteoporosis
pan	all	panopticon, pandemic
peri	around	perimeter, period
phil	love	philanthropist, philosophy
phobia	fear	claustrophobia, phobic
phon	sound	phone, symphony
photo, phos	light	photograph, phosphorous
pneu	air, lung	pneumonia, pneumatic
pod	feet	podiatrist, octopod
poly	many	polygon, polyglot
pseud	false	pseudonym, pseudoscience
psych	soul; spirit	psychology, psychic
scope	see	microscope, telescope
techno	art; science; skill	technique, technological
tele	far off	television, telephone
tetra	four	tetrahedron, tetracycline
therm	heat	thermal, thermometer
zoo	life	zoo, zoology

The Prefixes Related to Numbers

	Latin	Greek
1	uni	mono
2	bi	di, dy
3	tri	tri
4	quadri, quart	tetra
5	quinque, quint	penta
6	sex	hex
7	sept	hept
8	oct	oct
9	novem, nonus	ennea
10	dec	dec
100	cent	hecato
1000	milli	chilia