



English Root Words and Prefixes

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Root	IPA	Meaning	Examples
a/n	/eɪ/ or /æn/	not, without	abyss, achromatic, anhydrous
a	/ə/	on	afire, ashore, aside
a, ab/s	/æb/ (a-: /ə/, abs-: /æbz/)	from, away, off	abduct, abnormal, absent, aversion, abbreviate
a/c/d	/æd/ (also / əd/)	to, toward, near	adapt, adhere, add, attend, attract, approach, assign, accompany, admit, assist
acro	/ˈækrou/	top, height, tip, beginning	acrobat, acronym, acrophobia, acropolis, acromegaly
act	/ækt/	do	activity, react, interaction, action, activate, actual, enact, transact, counteract
aer/o	/ˈɛrou/	air	aerate, aerial, aerospace, aerobics, aerosol, aeronautics
agr/i/o	/ˈægrɪ/ or / ˈægrou/	farming	agriculture, agrarian, agronomy, agribusiness, agroforestry
alg/o	/ælg/ or / ældʒ/	pain	neuralgia, analgesic, nostalgia, arthralgia, myalgia
ambi, amphi	/ˈæmbɪ/ or / ˈæmfɪ/	both, on both sides, around	ambidextrous, ambiguous, ambivalence, amphibious, amphitheater, amphoteric
ambul	/ˈæmbjəl/	walk, move	amble, ambulant, ambulance, ambulate, somnambulate, perambulate
ami/o	/ˈeɪmɪ/	love	amiable, amity, amorous, amicable, enamored, paramour
ana	/ˈænə/	up, back, against, again, throughout	analysis, anatomy, anachronism, anabasis, anaerobic, anagram
andr/o	/ˈændrou/	man, male	androgynous, android, misandry, polyandry, androcentric
anim	/ˈænɪm/	life, spirit	animal, animate, equanimity, animosity, animation, inanimate
ann/enn	/æn/	year	anniversary, annual, millennium, perennial, centennial, biannual
ante	/ˈæntɪ/	before, in front	antecedent, antenatal, antebellum, anteroom, antecede
anth/o	/ˈænθou/	flower	chrysanthemum, anthology, anthozoan, anther, anthophilous
anthrop/o	/ˈænθrəpəl/	human	anthropology, anthropomorphism, philanthropy, misanthropy, anthropoid
anti	/ˈæntɪ/	against, opposite of	antibody, antiseptic, antisocial, anticlimax, antibiotic
apo, apho	/ˈæpou/	away, off, separate	aphorism, apology, apocalypse, apostrophe, apogee
aqu/a	/ˈækwə/	water	aquarium, aquatic, aqueduct, aquifer, aquamarine
arbor	/ˈɑːrbər/	tree	arborist, arbor, arborous, arboretum, arborvitae
arch/i	/ɑːrtʃ/	chief, most important, rule	archbishop, archenemy, matriarch, monarch, architect, archangel
arch/a/i	/ɑːrk/	primitive, ancient	archaeology, archaic, archive, archetype, archaism, archaeologist
arthr/o	/ɑːrθ/	joint	arthritis, arthropod, arthroscope, arthroplasty, arthritic, arthropathy
art	/ɑːrt/	skill	artist, artifact, artisan, artistic, artificial, artful
astro, aster	/ˈæstrou/	star, stars, outer space	astronaut, astronomer, asterisk, astrology, asteroid, astronomy
aud/i/io	/ɔːd/	hear	audible, audience, audiovisual, auditorium, audio, audition

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auto	/ˈɔːtəʊ/	self, same, one	automatic, automobile, autograph, autocrat, autonomous, autopsy
avi/a	/ˈeɪvi/	bird	aviation, aviary, aviator, aviculture, avifauna
bar/o	/ˈbɛrəʊ/	pressure, weight	barometer, isobar, hyperbaric, baryon, barometric
bell/i	/bɛl/	war	rebel, belligerent, bellicose, rebellion, antebellum
bene	/ˈbɛni/	good, well	benefit, beneficial, benefactor, benevolent, beneficiary
bi/n	/baɪ/	two, twice, once in every two	bicycle, binary, bilateral, binoculars, biannual
bibli/o	/ˈbɪbliəʊ/	book	bibliography, bibliophile, bibliomania, bibliographic, bibliotherapy
bio	/ˈbaɪəʊ/	life, living matter	biography, biology, biosphere, biocide, biomass, biotic, antibiotic, biopsy
blast/o	/blæst/	cell, primitive, immature cell	blastula, fibroblast, blastoderm, blastocyst, osteoblast, glioblastoma, blastomere
burs	/bɜrs/	pouch, purse	bursar, bursary, disburse, bursitis, bursa, reimbursement
calc	/kælk/	stone	calcite, calcium, calcification, calcify, calcaneus, calculate, calculus
cand	/kænd/	glowing, iridescent	candid, candle, incandescent, candela, candor, candescent
capt, cept, ceive	/kæpt/, /sept/, /siv/	take, hold	capture, accept, receive, concept, deceive, except, intercept, reception, perceive
cardi/o	/ˈkɑrdiəʊ/	heart	cardiac, cardiogenic, cardiologist, cardiology, cardiovascular, carditis, electrocardiogram, cardioid
carn/i	/kɑrn/	flesh, meat	carnivorous, carnal, incarnate, carnage, carnality, carnivore, carnation
cata	/ˈkætə/	down, against completely, intensive, according to	cataclysm, catastrophe, catalog, catalyst, catatonic, catapult, category
caust, caut	/kɔːst/ (caust), /kɔːt/ (caut)	to burn	caustic, cauterize, caustically, cautery, holocaust, causticity
cede, ceed, cess	/siːd/ (cede/ceed), /sɛs/ (cess)	go, yield	recede, proceed, success, exceed, concede, precede, cessation, process, access
celer	/ˈsɛlər/	fast	accelerate, decelerate, celerity, acceleration, deceleration, accelerator
cent/i	/sɛnt/	hundred, hundredth	centennial-, centimeter, century, percent, centigrade, centipede
centr/o/i	/sɛntr/	center	egocentric, eccentric, centrifugal, central, concentrate, centrist
cephal/o	/ˈsɛfəl/	head	encephalitis, cephalic, cephalopod, hydrocephalus, microcephalic, cephalosporin
cerebr/o	/səˈriːbr/	brain	cerebral, cerebrate, cerebrospinal, cerebrovascular, cerebrum, cerebellum
cert	/sɜːrt/	sure	ascertain-, certain, certify, certificate, certitude, certifiable
chrom/o chromat/o, chros	/kroʊm/	color, pigment	achromatic, chromium, chromatic, chromosome, monochrome, polychromatic
chron/o	/kran/	time	chronic, chronological, synchronize, chronometer, anachronism, chronicle
chrys/o	/krɪs/	gold, yellow	chrysanthemum, chrysolite, chrysalis, chrysoprase, chrysoberyl
cide, cise	/saɪd/	cut, kill	homicide, incisor, insecticide, suicide, pesticide, scissors, precise
circum, circle	/ˈsɜːrkəm/	around, about	circumnavigate, circumscribe, circumspect, circumference, circumstance, circumvent, circle

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claim, clam	/kleɪm/	shout, speak out	clamor, exclaim, proclamation, proclaim, acclaim, disclaim, declaim
clar	/klær/	clear	clarification, clarify, declare, clarity, declarative, clarinet
clud, clus	/klu:d, klu:s/	close	include, exclude, conclude, seclude, occlude
cline	/klaɪn/	lean	incline, decline, recline, inclination, declination
co	/kou/	with, together, joint	coauthor, coeducation, cohousing, coexist, cofounder
col	/kəl/	together, jointly	collaborate, collision, colloquial, colleague, collect
com	/kəm/	together, common	commemorate, composition, commune, combine, communicate
cogn/i	/kagn, 'kagni/	know	cognition, incognito, recognize, cognitive, precognition
con	/kən/	with, jointly	concur, contemporary, convention, connect, consent
contra/o	/'kantrə, 'kantra/	against, opposite	contradict, contrast, contrary, contraband, controversy
corp/o	/kɔ:rp, 'kɔ:rpou/	body	corporation, corpse, corporal, incorporate, corporeal
cosm/o	/'kɔzmə, 'kɔzmou/	universe	cosmos, cosmonaut, microcosm, cosmopolitan, cosmology
counter	/'kauntər/	opposite, contrary, opposing	counteract, countermand, counteroffensive, counterbalance, counterclockwise
cranio	/'kreɪniou/	skull	cranium, cranial, craniology, craniotomy, craniofacial
cred	/krɛd/	believe	credence, credulous, incredible, credit, credential, credible
cruc	/kru:s/	cross	crucial, crucifix, excruciating, crusade, cruciform, crucible
crypto	/'kriptou/	hidden, secret	cryptic, cryptography, encrypt, crypt, decrypt, crypto
cumul	/'kju:mjʊl/	mass, heap	accumulate, cumulative, cumulus, cumulation, cumulate
curr, curs	/kɜr, kɜrs/	run	concurrent, current, cursive, cursor, cursory, curriculum, incur, recur
cycl	/saɪkl/	circle, ring	bicycle, cycle, cyclone, cyclic, cyclist, recycle
de	/di:/	reduce, away, down, remove	decelerate, dethrone, debug, decrease, deflate, deactivate, decompress
dec/a, deka	/dek, 'dekə/	ten	decade, decathlon, december, decagram, decaliter
deci	/'desɪ/	one tenth	deciliter, decimate, decibel, decimal, decigram
dem/o	/dɛm/	people	democracy, demographic, epidemic, demagogue, endemic, pandemic
demi	/'dɛmɪ/	half, less than	demitasse, demimonde, demigod, demijohn, demilune
dendr/o/i	/dɛndr/	tree	philodendron, dendrochronology, dendriform, dendrite, dendrology, dendrogram
dent, dont	/dɛnt/	tooth	dental, dentist, dentures, indent, dentin
derm/a	/dɜrm/	skin	dermatologist, pachyderm, dermatitis, epidermis, hypodermic
di/plo	/daɪ/	two, twice	dichromatic, diploma, dilemma, dioxide, diatomic
di/s	/daɪ/	apart, away, not, to the opposite	digression, disappear, dissect, disconnect, disagree
dia	/'daɪə/	through, between, apart, across	diabetes, diagnosis, dialog, diameter, diaphragm
dict	/dɪkt/	speak	contradict, prediction, dictate, dictionary, verdict

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domin	/ˈdɑːmɪn/	master	dominate, domineering, predominate, dominion, domain
don/at	/daʊn/	give	donation, donor, pardon, donate, condone
duc/t	/dʌk/	lead	conduct, educate, deduction, introduce, produce
du/o	/duː/	two, twice	duplicate, duet, duo, duplex, dual
dur	/dʊr/	harden, to last, lasting	durable, duration, enduring, endure, during
dyn/a/am	/daɪn/	power, energy, strength	dynamo, dynamic, dynamite, dynasty, thermodynamics
dys	/dɪs/	abnormal, bad	dyspepsia, dystopia, dyslexia, dysfunction, dysentery, dysphoria, dysgraphia
e-	/ɪ/	out, away	eloquent, emissary, eject, emit, erase, evade, elude, emerge
ego	/ˈɪɡoʊ/	self	egoistic, egomania, egocentric, egotism, egoist, ego
em, en	/ɛm, ɛn/	into, cover with, cause	empathy, empower, engorge, embrace, enclose, enable, enact
endo	/ˈɛndoʊ/	within, inside	endotherm, endocrine, endogamy, endoscope, endoskeleton, endocytosis, endorphin, endogenous
enn/i, anni	/ɛn, ˈæni/	years	bicentennial, centennial, perennial, anniversary, annual, millennium, decennial
en, in	/ɛn, ɪn/	inside, inwards	envision, enclose, include, insert, inject, inspire, invade
ep/i	/ˈɛpɪ/	on, upon, over, among, at, after, to, outside	epidemic, epilogue, epicenter, episode, epigraph, epidermis, epiphyte, epiphany
equ/i	/ˈɪkwɪ/	equal, equally	equidistant, equanimity, equation, equal, equity, equivalent, equator, equilateral
erg/o	/ˈɜːɡoʊ/	work	ergonomics, energy, energetics, erg, synergy, ergometer, ergative
esth/aesth	/ɛsθ, ɪːsθ/	feeling, sensation, beauty	esthetician, aesthetic, kinesthesia, anesthesia, anesthetist, esthetic, synesthesia
ethno	/ˈɛθnoʊ/	race, people	ethnic, ethnocentric, ethnology, ethnography, ethnicity, ethnobotany, ethnologist
eu	/juː/	good, well	euphemism, euphonious, euphoria, eulogy, euthanasia, euphony, eureka
ex	/ɛks/ or /ɪgz/ before vowel (as in exert)	from, out	excavate, exhale, extract, exclaim, exclude, exhume, exit
extra, extro	/ˈɛkstrə, ˈɛkstroʊ/	outside, beyond	extraordinary, extraterrestrial, extrovert
fac/t	/fækt/	make, do	factory, artifact, malefactor, manufacture, factor, facsimile, facilitate
fer	/fɜːr/	bear, bring, carry	transfer, confer, ferry, differ, offer, refer, infer
fid	/fɪd/	faith	confide, fiduciary, infidel, fidelity, confident, diffident
flect	/flekt/	bend	deflect, inflection, flexible, reflect, genuflect, circumflex
flor/a, fleur	/ˈflɔːrə, flɔːr/	flower	florist, floral, flora
for	/fɔːr/	completely (used to intensify the meaning of a word)	forgive, forget, forsake, forfeit, forlorn, forbear
fore	/fɔːr/	in front of, previous, earlier	forecast, forehead, foresight, foretell, foreword, forefront, forefather
form	/fɔːrm/	shape	formation, reform, conformity, form, deform, transform, formal

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fract, frag	/frækt, fræg/	break	fracture, fragile, fragment
fug	/fʌg/	flee, run away, escape	fugitive, refuge, refugee, fugacious, subterfuge
funct	/fʌŋkt/	perform, work	defunct, function, malfunction, functional, dysfunctional
fus	/fju:s/	pour	confusion, fuse, infuse, diffuse, effuse, profuse, suffuse, transfuse
gastr/o	/ˈgæstrou/	stomach	gastric, gastronomy, gastritis, gastroenteritis, gastropod
gen/o/e/ genesis	/dʒɛn/	birth, production, formation, kind	generation, genetics, genealogy, genesis, genocide, gender, gene, generate
geo	/ˈdʒi:ou/	earth, soil, global	geography, geology, geometry, geothermal, geochemistry
ger	/dʒɛr/	old age	geriatrics, gerontology, gerontocracy, geriatric, gerontologist
giga	/ˈgɪgə/	a billion	gigabyte, gigahertz, gigawatt, gigameter, gigaton
gon	/gɒn/	angle	octagon, decagon, polygon, pentagon, hexagon, diagonal
gram	/græm/	letter, written	diagram, grammar, telegram, monogram, anagram, epigram, program
gran	/græn/	grain	granary, granola, granule, granular, granite
graph/y	/græf/	writing, recording, written	autograph, seismograph, photograph, telegraph, biography, geography, graphology
grat	/græt/	pleasing	grateful, gratify, gratuity, ingratiate, gratification, ungrateful, congratulation, gratis
gyn/o/e	/gaɪn/	woman, female	gynecology, gynephobia, gynecoid, gynecologist, androgyny, misogyny, gynandrous, gynoecium
gress, grad/e/i	/grɛs, greɪd, græd/	to step, to go	progress, digression, gradual, aggression, regression, transgression, degrade, upgrade, graduate, retrograde
hect/o, hecat	/hɛkt/	hundred	hectoliter, hectare, hectometer, hectogram, hectocotylus, hecatomb, hectowatt
helic/o	/helɪk/	spiral, circular	helicopter, helix, helicon, helical, helicoid, helicobacter, heliconia
heli/o	/hi:liou/	sun	helium, heliocentric, heliotropism, heliograph, helianthus, helipad, heliosphere
hemi	/ˈhɛmi/	half, partial	hemisphere, hemicycle, hemistich, hemianopia, hemicellulose, hemidemisemiquaver, hemiplegia
hem/o/a	/hi:m/	blood	hemorrhage, hemoglobin, hemorrhoids, hematoma, hemophilia, hemodialysis, hematology, hemolysis
hepa	/ˈhɛpə/	liver	hepatitis, hepatoma, hepatotoxic, hepatocyte, hepatology, hepatomegaly, hepatocellular, hepatectomy
hept/a	/ˈhɛptə/	seven	heptagon, heptateuch, heptameter, heptathlon, heptalogy, heptane, heptarchy
herbi	/ˈhɜ:rbɪ/	grass, plant	herbicide, herbivorous, herbal, herbivore, herbaceous, herbarium, herbology, herbivory
hetero	/ˈhɛtərəu/	different, other	heterogeneous, heteronyms, heterodox, heterosexual, heterotroph, heterochromatic, heterogamous
hex/a	/hɛks/	six	hexagon, hexameter, hexapod, hexadecimal, hexagram, hex
histo	/ˈhɪstou/	tissue	histology, histochemistry, histamine, histone, histopath
homo, homeo	/ˈhoumə, 'houmiə/	like, alike, same	homogeneous, homonym, homeopath
hydr/o	/ˈhaɪdrɒu/	liquid, water	hydrate, hydrophobia, hydroponics, hydraulic, hydrogen, hydroxide, hydroelectric, hydrocarbon, hydroplane
hygr/o	/ˈhaɪgrɒu/	moisture, humidity	hygrometer, hygrograph, hygroscopic, hygrometry, hygrostat

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hyper	/ˈhaɪpər/	too much, over, excessive, beyond	hyperactive, hypercritical, hypertension, hyperbola, hyperbole, hyperlink, hypermarket, hyperventilate, hyperspace
hyp/o	/ˈhaɪpʊs/	under	hypoglycemia, hypothermia, hypothesis, hypodermic, hypotenuse, hypothyroidism, hypoventilation
iatr/o	/aɪˈætrʊs/	medical care	geriatrics, pediatrician, podiatry, psychiatry, podiatrist, geriatric, psychiatric, pediatric
icon/o	/aɪˈkənʊs/	image	icon, iconology, iconoclast, iconic, iconography, iconoclasm, iconostasis
idio	/ˈɪdiʊs/	peculiar, personal, distinct	idiomatic, idiosyncrasy, idiot, idiom, idiolect, idiopathic
il, in	/ɪn/	in, into	illuminate, innovation, inspection, include, involve, induce, invade, illustrate, illusion, import
ig, il, im, in, ir	/ɪn/	not, without	illegal, impossible, inappropriate, irresponsible, ignoble, illiterate, immoral, inactive, irreverent, impatient
imag	/ˈɪmɪdʒ/	likeness	image, imaginative, imagine, imaginary, imagery, imagination, imaginable, unimaginable
infra	/ˈɪnfɹə/	beneath, below	infrastructure, infrared, infrasonic, infrasound, infraorbital
inter	/ˈɪntər/	between, among, jointly	international, intersection, intercept, internet, interlude, interplay, interject, intermediate, interpersonal
intra, intro	/ˈɪntrə/ (intra), /ˈɪntroʊs/ (intro)	within, inside	intrastate, intravenous, introvert, intramural, intrapersonal, introduce, introspect, intracellular
ir	/ɪr/	not	irredeemable, irreformable, irrational, irregular, irresponsible, irreverent, irreplaceable
iso	/ˈaɪsoʊs/	equal	isobar, isometric, isothermal, isotropic, isotope, isosceles
ject	/dʒɛkt/	throw	eject, interject, project, reject, inject, subject, trajectory, object, deject
jud	/dʒʌd/	law	judgment, judicial, judiciary, judge, prejudge, adjudicate, prejudice, judicious
junct	/dʒʌŋkt/	join	conjunction, disjunction, junction, adjunct, injunction, juncture, conjunctive
juven	/ˈdʒuːvən/	young	juvenile, rejuvenate, juvenilia, juvenescence, rejuvenescent
kilo	/ˈkɪloʊs/	thousand	kilobyte, kilometer, kilograms, kilowatt, kilocalorie, kiloliter, kiloton, kilohertz
kine/t /mat	/ˈkaɪni/ (kine), /mæt/ (mat)	motion, division	kinetics, psychokinesis, cinematography, kinesthesia, kinesiology, telekinesis, kinesthetic
lab	/læb/	work	collaborate, elaborate, laborious, labor, laboratory, belabor
lact/o	/læktʊs/	milk	lactate, lactose, lactic, lactase, lacteal, lactation
later	/lætər/	side	bilateral, unilateral, lateral, equilateral, multilateral
leuk/o, leuc/o	/luːk/	white, colorless	leukemia, leukocyte, leucine, leukopenia, leukoplakia, leucite
lex	/lɛks/	word, law, reading	lexicology, alexia, illegal, lexicon, lexical, dyslexia
liber	/ˈlɪbər/	free	liberate, libertine, liberty, liberal, liberation, libertarian
lingu	/ˈlɪŋɡw/	language, tongue	linguist, multilingual, linguine, bilingual, linguistic, lingua
lip/o	/ˈlɪpʊs/	fat	liposuction, lipase, lipid, lipoma, lipoprotein
lite, ite, lith/o	/lɪθ/	mineral, rock, fossil	apatite, granite, monolith, neolith, paleolith, lithosphere
loc	/loʊk/	place	dislocate, location, relocate, local, allocate, locomotion

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log/o	/lɔːɡ/	word, doctrine, discourse	logic, monologue, analogy, dialogue, prologue, epilogue
loqu, locu	/loʊkw/	speak	eloquent, loquacious, elocution, colloquial, soliloquy, loquacity
luc	/luː/	light	elucidate, lucid, translucent, lucent, pellucid
lud, lus	/luːd, luːs/	to play	prelude, illusion, delude, ludicrous, elusive
lumin	/luːmɪn/	light	illuminate, lumen, luminescent, luminary, luminance
lun/a/i	/luːn/	moon	lunar, lunatic, lunisolar, lunation, sublunar
macro	/'mækrɔʊ/	large, great	macroevolution, macromolecule, macroeconomics, macrobiotic, macroscopic
magn/a/i	/'mæɡn/	great, large	magnify, magnificent, magnate, magnitude, magnanimous
mal/e	/'mæɫ/	bad, ill, wrong	malcontent, malaria, malicious, malfunction, malpractice
man/i/u	/'mæn/	hand	maneuver, manual, manuscript, manipulate, manicure
mand	/'mænd/	to order	command, demand, mandate, commander, mandatory
mania	/'meɪniə/	madness, insanity, excessive desire	bibliomania, egomania, maniac, mania, kleptomania
mar/i	/'mɑːr/	sea	marine, maritime, mariner, submarine, mariculture
mater, matr/i	/'meɪtər, 'meɪtr/	mother	maternal, maternity, matriarch, matron, matrimony
max	/'mæks/	greatest	max, maximal, maximize, maximum, maxim
medi	/'miːdi/	middle	medieval, medium, mediocre, mediate, immediate, median, mediator, mediocrity
mega	/'mɛɡə/	great, large, million	megalopolis, megaphone, megastructure, megabyte, megawatt, megahertz, megastar, megafauna
melan/o	/'mɛlən/	black	melancholy, melanoma, melanin, melanocyte, melanism
memor/i	/'mɛmər/	remember	commemorate, memorial, memory, remember, memoir, memorabilia, memo, memorandum
merge, mers	/'mɜːrdʒ, mɜːrs/	dip, dive	immerge, submerge, emerge, merge, immersion, submersion, emersion
meso	/'mɛsɔʊ/	middle	mesoamerica, meson, mesosphere, mesolithic, mesoderm, mesocarp, mesentery
meta	/'mɛtə/	change, after, beyond, between	metaphysics, metamorphosis, metastasis, metaverse, metacognition, metadata, metaphor, metonymy
meter, metr/y	/'miːtər, 'mɛtr/	measure	audiometer, chronometer, metric, meter, geometry, symmetry, diameter, thermometer
micro	/'maɪkrɔʊ/	very small, short, minute	microbe, microchip, microscope, micrometer, microorganism, microcosm, microphone, microprocessor
mid	/'mɪd/	middle	midriff, midterm, midway, midnight, midland, midsummer, midair, midlife
migr	/'maɪgr/	move	immigrant, migrant, migration, migrate, migratory, emigrate, immigration, transmigration
milli	/'mɪli/	one thousandth	millimeter, millibar, milliliter, milligram, millisecond, millipede, millivolt, milliamper
min/i	/'mɪn/	small, less	mini, minuscule, minutiae, minimum, diminish, minor, minority, minute
mis/o	/'mɪs/	bad, badly, wrong, wrongly, to hate	misbehave, misprint, misnomer, misinterpret, mislead, mishap, mismanage, misplace
miss, mit	/'mɪs, mɪt/	send, let go	dismiss, missile, emit, admittance, transmit, mission, permit, submit

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mob	/moʊb/	move	immobilize, mobile, mobility, automobile, demobilize, mob, mobilize
mon/o	/ˈmɑnoʊ/	one, single, alone	monochromat, monologue, monotheism, monopoly, monarch, monotone, monogamy, monolith
mot, mov	/moʊt, mu:v/	move	motion, motivate, promote, removable, motor, movement, emotion, locomotion
morph/o	/mɔ:rf/	form	metamorphosis, endorphins, amorphous, morphology, polymorph, anthropomorphic
mort	/mɔ:rt/	death	immortal, mortal, mortician, mortgage, mortuary, mortality, postmortem
multi	/ˈmʌlti/	many, more than one or two	multicolored, multimedia, multitasking, multiply, multicultural, multifunctional, multivitamin
mut	/mju:t/	change	immutable, mutant, mutate, mutation, mutable, mutual, permutation
my/o	/ˈmaɪoʊ/	muscle	myocardium, myasthenia, myosin, myopia, myopathy, myoglobin, mycorrhiza
narr	/nar/	tell	narrate, narrative, narrator, narration, narrating
nat	/neɪt/	born	innate, natal, natural, nation, native, nativity
nav	/næv/	ship	circumnavigate, naval, navigate, navigation, navigator, navy
necr/o	/nekrou/	dead, death	necrophil, necrosis, necrology, necromancy, necrotic
neg	/neg/	no	negate, negative, renege, negligible, neglect
neo	/ni:ou/	new, recent	neoclassic, neocolonialism, neonatal, neophyte, neologism, neonate
nephr/o	/nefrʊ/	kidney	nephritis, nephrotomy, nephron, nephrology, nephrectomy
neur/o	/nyuroʊ/	nerve	neuralgia, neurologist, neurotic, neuron, neuropathy, neuroscience
nom/in	/nam/	name	misnomer, nominal, nominate, nomenclature, nomination, nominative
non	/nan/	no, not, without	nondescript, nonfiction, nonsense, nonchalant, nonviolent, nonprofit
not	/nat/	mark	notable, notarize, annotate, notation, notary, noted
noun, nunc	/naʊn, nʌŋk/	declare	announce, denounce, enunciate, pronounce, renounce, annunciation
nov	/nɑ:v/	new	innovate, novelty, novice, renovate, novel, renovation
numer	/ˈnu:mər/	number	enumerate, numerology, numerous, numeral, numeric, innumerable
ob, op	/ɑ:b, ɑ:p/	in the way, against	object, obscure, opposition, obstacle, obligation, opposite
oct/a/o	/ɑ:kt/	eight	octagon, octogenarian, octopus, octave, octet, octane
ocu	/ˈɑ:kju/	eye	binoculars, monocle, ocular, oculist, oculus
od	/oʊd/	path, way	diode, odometer, triode, electrode, anode, cathode
odor	/ˈoʊdər/	smell, scent	deodorant, malodorous, odoriferous, odorous, odorless, odor
omni	/ˈɑ:mni/	all	omnipotent, omniscient, omnivorous, omnibus, omnipresent, omniscience
op/t/s	/ɑ:p, ɑ:pt, ɑ:ps/	eye, visual condition, sight	optic, optician, autopsy, optical, optometry, optometrist
opt	/ɑ:pt/	best	optimal, optimize, optimum, optimism, optimist, optimistic
ortho	/ˈɔ:rθoʊ/	straight	orthodontist, orthopedic, orthography, orthogonal, orthodoxy, orthotic
osteo	/ˈɑ:stiʊ/	bone	osteoarthritis, osteopathy, osteology, osteoporosis, osteocyte, osteoblast
out	/aʊt/	goes beyond, surpasses, exceeds	outdo, outrun, outshine, outsmart, outlast, outgrow, outnumber, outplay, outthink, outclass
over	/oʊvər/	excessive	overconfident, overstock, overexcited, overload, overreact, overkill, overtime, overcast, overboard, overcook
oxi/oxy	/aksi/	sharp	oxymoron, oxidize, oxygen, oxide, oxytone, oxalic, oxime, oxytocin

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pale/o	/ˈpeɪliuː/	ancient	paleontology, paleography, paleolithic, paleobotany, paleoclimate, paleoecology, paleomagnetism, paleoanthropology
pan	/pæn/	all, any, everyone	panacea, panorama, pantheism, pandemic, pantheon, panoply, pansexual, panchromatic, panacea, panacea
para	/pærə/	beside, beyond, abnormal, assistant	parasite, parallel, paragraph, paramedic, paradox, paranormal, paraphrase, parachute, paradigm, paratrooper
pater, patr/i	/peɪtər/	father	paternal, paternity, patriarch, patricide, patron, patrician, patrilineal, patrimony, patrology, expatriate
path	/pæθ/	feeling, emotion	sympathy, empathy, apathy, antipathy, pathology, psychopath, sociopath, telepathy, homeopathy, osteopathy
ped/i/e	/ped/	foot, feet	pedal, pedestrian, pedicure, pedometer, biped, centipede, millipede, pedestal, pedicab, peduncle
pel	/pel/	drive, force	compel, expel, repel, propel, dispel, impel, propellant, expellant, repellant, compelling
pent/a	/pent/	five	pentagon, pentathlon, pentagram, pentameter, pentane, pentoxide, pentose, pentad, pentarchy, pentacle
pept, peps	/pept/	digestion	dyspepsia, peptic, pepsin, peptic ulcer, peptidase, peptone, eupeptic, dyspeptic, pepsinogen, peptic gland
per	/pɜr/	through, throughout	permanent, permeate, persist, perennial, perforate, percolate
peri	/ˈpeɪri/	around, enclosing	periodontal, peripheral, perimeter, periscope, peristalsis
phag/e	/feɪdʒ/	to eat	esophagus, anthropophagy, xylophagous, phagocyte, phagocytosis
phil/o	/ˈfɪliuː/	love, friend	philanthropist, philology, philosophy, bibliophil, philharmonic, philodendron
phon/o /e/y	/foun/	sound	cacophony, microphone, phonetic, telephone, symphony, phoneme
phot/o	/ˈfotou/	light	photogenic, photograph, photon, photosynthesis, photocopy
phyll/o	/ˈfɪliuː/	leaf	chlorophyll, phyllotaxis, phyllite, phyllode, phylloxera
phys	/fɪz/	nature, medicine, the body	physical, physician, physique, physics, physiology
phyt/o/e	/faɪt/	plant, to grow	epiphyte, hydrophyte, neophyte, phytoplankton, xerophyte
plas/t/m	/plæz/	to form, development, forming cells	protoplasm, plastic, plaster, plasma, cytoplasm, plastid
plaud, plod, plaus, plos	/plɒd/	approve, clap	applaud, explosion, plausible, applause, plosive, implode
pneum/o	/ˈnuːmou/	breathing, lung, air, spirit	pneumonia, pneumatic, dyspnea, pneumococcus, apnea, pneumology
pod/e	/pɒd/	foot	podiatrist, podium, tripod, biped, quadruped, podiatry, arthropod
poli	/ˈpali/	city	metropolis, police, politics, policy, political, politician, acropolis, megalopolis
poly	/ˈpali/	many, more than one	polychrome, polyglot, polygon, polymer, polytechnic, polytheism, polynomial, polysyllabic
pon	/poun/	place, put	opponent, postpone, component, exponent, proponent
pop	/pap/	people	popular, population, populist, populous, populace, depopulate, overpopulate
port	/pɔrt/	carry	export, portable, porter, import, transport, deport, report, portfolio, portage

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pos	/pɑz/	place, put	deposit, expose, position, compose, impose, propose, dispose, suppose, juxtapose
post	/poust/	after, behind	posthumous, postpone, postscript, postgraduate, postmortem, posterior, postdate
pre	/pri:/	earlier, before, in front of	preamble, prepare, prediction, preview, prevent, precaution, prelude, prefix, prequel
pro	/prou/	before, in front of, for, forward	prognosis, prologue, prophet, proceed, promote, provide, produce, project, propose
prot/o	/ˈproutɔs/	primitive, first, chief	prototype, proton, protocol, protozoan, protoplasm, prototypical, protostar
pseud/o	/su:d/	wrong, false	pseudonym, pseudoscience, pseudopregnancy, pseudopod, pseudoclassical, pseudocode
psych/o	/saɪk/	mind, mental	psyche, psychic, psychology, psychiatry, psychopath, psychosis
pugn/a, pung	/pʌgn/, /pʌndʒ/	to fight	pugnacious, repugnant, pungent, impugn, pugnacity
pul	/pʌl/	urge	compulsion, expulsion, impulsive, pulse, propulsion
purg	/pɜrg/	clean	purge, purgatory, expurgate, purgative, purgation
put	/pju:t/	think	computer, dispute, input, repute, reputation, putative
pyr/o	/paɪrou/	fire, heat	pyrotechnics, pyrometer, pyretic, pyromania, pyre
quad/r/ri	/kwɔd/	four	quadrant, quadrennium, quadruped, quadrilateral, quadriceps
quart	/kwɔrt/	fourth	quarter, quart, quartet, quartile, quarterly
quin/t	/kwɪnt/	five, fifth	quintet, quintessence, quintuple, quintile, quintuplet
radic, radix	/rædɪk/, /reɪdɪks/	root	eradicate, radical, radish, radicle, radix
radio	/reɪdiɔs/	radiation, ray	radio, radioactive, radiologist, radiation, radiology, radius
ram/i	/ræm/	branch	ramification, ramify, ramus, ramose, ramulus
re	/ri:/	again, back, backward	rebound, rewind, reaction, recognize, review
reg	/rɛg/	guide, rule	regent, regime, regulate, regular, region
retro	/ˈretrou/	backward, back	retroactive, retrogress, retrospect, retrofit, retrograde
rhin/o	/ˈraɪnou/	nose	rhinoceros, rhinoplasty, rhinovirus, rhinitis, rhinology
rhod/o	/ˈroudou/	red	rhododendron, rhodium, rhodopsin, rhodochrosite, rhodolite
rid	/rɪd/	laugh	deride, ridicule, ridiculous, derision, risible
rrh/ea /oea/ag	/r/	flow, discharge	diarrhea, hemorrhage, catarrh, menorrhoea, rhinorrhoea
rub	/ru:b/	red	ruby, rubella, bilirubin, rubidium, rubric
rupt	/rʌpt/	break, burst	bankrupt, interrupt, rupture, corrupt, disrupt
san	/sæn/	health	sane, sanitary, sanitation, sanity, sanitize
scend	/sɛnd/	climb, go	ascend, crescendo, descend, transcend, condescend
sci	/saɪ/	know	conscience, conscious, omniscient, science, prescience
scler/o	/ˈsklirou/	hard	sclerosis, arteriosclerosis, sclera, scleroderma, sclerometer
scop/e/y	/skoup/	see, examine, observe	microscope, periscope, telescope, stethoscope, kaleidoscope
scrib, script	/skɪɪb, skɪɪpt/	write, written	inscribe, scribe, describe, prescribe, transcript, manuscript
se	/sɛ/	apart	secede, seclude, segregate, separate, select

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sect	/sɛkt/	cut	dissect, intersection, bisect, section, sector
sed, sid, sess	/sɛd, sɪd, sɛs/	sit	reside, sediment, session, president, sedentary
self	/sɛlf/	of, for, or by itself	self, selfless, selfish, self-defense, self-esteem, self-confident, self-control
semi	/ˈsɛmi/	half, partial	semiannual, semicircle, semiconscious, semiautomatic, semifinal
sept/i	/sɛpt/	seven	september, septet, septuagenarian, septennial, septuple
serv	/sɜrv/	save, keep	conserve, preserve, reservation, observe, reservoir
sex	/sɛks/	six	sextet, sexagenarian, sextant, sextile, sexennial
sol	/soʊl/	alone	desolate, solitary, solo, solitude, soliloquy
somn/l	/səm/	sleep	insomnia, somniloquy, somnolent, somnambulism, somnambulist
son	/sən/	sound	consonant, sonorous, supersonic, unison, dissonance, resonant, sonar, sonic
soph	/səf/	wise	philosopher, sophisticated, sophism, sophomore, sophistry, theosophy
spec/t, spic	/spɛk/	see, look	circumspect, retrospective, spectator, inspect, prospect, spectacle, perspective, conspicuous, auspicious
sphere	/sfɪr/	ball	biosphere, hemisphere, atmosphere, sphere, spherical, stratosphere
spir	/spɑɪr/	breathe	inspire, transpire, spirit, respire, conspire, perspire, aspire, expiration, inspiration
sta	/steɪ/	stand	stable, stagnant, stationary, station, status, static, obstacle, constant
stell	/stɛl/	star	constellation, interstellar, stellar, stellate, stellar
struct	/strʌkt/	build	construct, destruction, structure, infrastructure, instruct, obstruct, reconstruct
sub	/sʌb/	under, lower than, inferior to	submarine, submerge, substandard, subway, substitute, subtract, subordinate, suburban
sum	/sʌm/	highest	sum, summation, summit, summary, consummate
super	/ˈsupər/	higher in quality or quantity	super, superior, supersonic, supermarket, supervisor, supernatural, superb, superficial
sy/m /n//s	/sɪn/	together, with, same	symmetry, synergy, synchronize, syndrome, synonym, synthesis, symbol, syllable, system
tact, tang	/tækt/	touch	contact, tactile, tangible, intact, tangent, contiguous, tact, tangent
tax/o	/tæks/	arrangement	syntax, taxonomy, ataxia, taxon, taxidermy, taxi, taxis
techno	/ˈtɛknɒʊ/	technique, skill	technology, technocracy, technologically, technique, technical, technician, techno, technophile
tell/e/o	/ˈtɛlə/	far, distant, complete	telephone, telescope, television, telecommuting, telegram, telepathy, teleport, teleology
temp/or	/tɛmp/	time	contemporary, temporal, temporary, tempo, temperament, temporize, extemporaneous
ten, tin, tent	/tɛn/	hold	continent, detention, contain, detain, retain, sustain, tenacious, tenant
ter, trit	/tɜr/	rub	attrition, detritus, trite, contrite, triturate
term/ina	/tɜrm/	end, limit	determine, terminate, exterminate, terminal, terminus, term, interminable, predetermined
terr/a/i	/tɛr/	land, earth	extraterrestrial, terrain, territory, terrestrial, terrace, terrarium, terraform, subterranean
tetra	/ˈtɛtrə/	four	tetrapod, tetrarchy, tetrose, tetrahedron, tetralogy, tetramer, tetrameter
the	/θi:/	put	bibliotheca, theme, thesis, hypothesis, antithesis, synthesis, prosthesis, metathesis
the/o	/θi:/	god	monotheism, polytheism, theology, atheist, pantheon

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therm/o	/θɜrm/	heat	thermal, thermos, thermostat, hypothermia, geothermal
tort	/tɔrt/	twist	contortion, distort, retort, tortuous, extortion
tox	/tɔks/	poison	detoxification, toxic, toxicology, intoxicated, antitoxin
tract	/trækt/	pull, drag	attract, distract, tractor, subtract, traction
trans	/træns/	across,beyond, through	transcontinental, transfer, transport, translate, transparent
tri	/traɪ/	three, once in every three, third	triangle, triathlon, tricycle, trilogy, triplet
ultra	/ˈʌltrə/	beyond, extreme, more than	ultrahigh, ultramodern, ultrasonic, ultraviolet, ultraconservative
un	/ʌn/	not,opposite of, lacking	unabridged, unfair, unfriendly, unknown, unhappy
uni	/ˈjuːni/	one, single	unicycle, unilateral, unique, unison, uniform
urb	/ɜrb/	city	suburb, urban, urbanology, suburban, urbane
vac	/væk/	empty	evacuate, vacant, vacation, vacuum, vacuous
ven/t	/vɛn/	come	circumvent, convention, intervene, event, invent, prevent, venture
ver/l	/vɛr/	truth	veracious, veracity, verify, verdict, verifiable, verity
verb	/vɜrb/	word	verbalize, adverb, proverb, verbatim, verbose, verbal
vers, vert	/vɜrs, vɜrt/	turn	reverse, introvert, version, controversy, convert, invert, pervert, subvert, versatile
vice	/vaɪs/	acting in place of, next in rank	vice-president, vice-chairman, vice-principal, vice-consul, vice-regent, vice-admiral
vid	/vɪd/	see	evident, video, evidence, provide, provident, invidious
vince, vic	/vɪns, vɪk/	conquer	convince, invincible, victory, victor, evince, vicarious, viceroy
vis, vid	/vɪz, vɪd/	see	vision, envision, evident, visible, revise, provide, visual, video
viv/i vit	/vɪv, vɪt/	live, life	revival, vital, vivacious, vivid, vitamin, survive, vitality
voc/i	/voʊk/	voice, call	advocate, equivocate, vocalize, vocabulary, vocal, vocation, convoke, revoke, evoke
vol/i/u	/voʊl/	wish, will	benevolent, volition, voluntary, volunteer, malevolent
vor, vour	/vɔr, vɔʊr/	eat	carnivorous, voracious, devour, herbivorous, omnivorous, voracity
xanth	/zænθ/	yellow	xanthan, xanthine, xanthoma, xanthophyll, xanthic
xen/o	/ˈzɛnoʊ/	foreign	xenophobia, xenon, xenotransplant, xenolith, xenophile
xer/o/l	/ˈzɪroʊ/	dry	xerophyte, xerography, xeric, xeroderma, xeriscape
xyl	/ˈzaɪl/	wood	xylophone, xylem, xylitol, xylocarp, xylography
zo/o	/ˈzoʊoʊ/	animal life	zoo, zoology, zooplankton, zoonosis, zoomorphic
zyg/o	/ˈzaɪgoʊ/	pair	zygote, zygomorphic, zygosporic, zygomorphic, zygoty, zygosity