

List of Latin root words

Root	Meaning	Examples
ab-	Away from	Abnormal, abrasion, absent
adip-	Fat	Adipose
alb-	Dull white	Albedo, albino, albumen
ambi-	Both, on both sides	Ambidexterity, ambivalent
anim-	Breath, soul	Animal, animation
bac-	Rod-shaped	Bacilla, bacteria
bi-	Two	Binary, Bigamy, Biscotti
camp-	Field	Champion, campaign
capr-	Goat	Capricorn, caprine
carn-	Flesh	Carnal, carnival, carnivore
clar-	Clear	Clarity, declaration
contra-	Against	Contradiction, contrast
corn-	Horn	Cornea, unicorn
dent-	Tooth	Dental, dentures
dict-	Say, speak	Contradict, dictate, predict
don-	Give	Condone, donate
dur-	Hard	Durable, duration, endure
ex-	From, out	Exclude, extend, extrude
fallac-	False	Fallacy
felic-	Happy, merry	Felicity
fend-/fens-	Strike	Defend, offense
fin-	End	Finish, final
firm-	Fix, settle	Confirmation, firmament
flex-	Bend	Flexible, Flexile, Flexor
form-	Shape	Conformity, formation
frig-	Cold	Frigid, frigorific
fus-	Pour	Diffusion, effusion, profuse
gran-	Grain	Granary, granite
grav-	Heavy	Aggravation, Grave, gravity
gust-	Taste	Disgust, gusto
herb-	Grass	Herbal, Herbicide
homin-	Human	Ad hominem Fallacy, hominid
hospit-	Host	Hospital, hospitality
inter-	Among, between	Intercollegiate, Intermission
iter-	Again	Iteration
ject-	Cast, throw	Eject, Interject, Ejaculate
janu-	Door	Janitor
junct-	Join	Conjunction, juncture
juven-	Young, youth	Juvenile, Rejuvenate
labor-	Toil	Collaboration, Elaboration
lact-	Milk	Lactate, lactation, lactose
lav-	Wash	Lavatory
leg-	Law	Legal, legislative
lingu-	Language, tongue	Bilingual, linguistic
liter-	Letter	Alliteration, illiterate, literal
lumin-	Light	Illumination, luminous

lun-	Moon	Lunar, lunatic
magn-	Great, large	Magnificent, magnitude
maj-	Greater	Majesty, majority, majuscule
mal-	Bad, wretched	Malicious, Malignancy
manu-	Hand	Manual, manuscript
mar-	Sea	Marine, Maritime
menstru-	Monthly	Menstruation, menstrual
migr-	Wander	Emigrant, migrate
mill-	Thousand	Millennium, million
mort-	Death	Immortal, mortality
mult-	Many, much	Multiple, multiplex
nud-	Naked	Denude, nudity
nunci-	Announce	Pronunciation
oliv-	Olive	Olivaceous, Olivary
omni-	All	Omnipotence, Omnipotent
or-	Mouth	Oral, Orator
ordin-	Order	Ordinal, ordinary
ov-	Egg	Oval, ovary, ovule
pac-	Peace	Pacifism
ped-	Foot	Pedal, Quadruped
pell-	Drive	Propellent, repellent
pet-	Strive towards	Appetite, competition
pisc-	Fish	Pisces, piscivore
plan-	Flat	Explanation, planar, plane
plic-	Fold	Duplication, replicate
prim-	First	Primary, primeval
quadr-	Four	Quadrillion, Quadrangle
quint-	Fifth	Quintile, quintal
radi-	Beam, spoke	Radiance, radiation
retro-	Backward, behind	Retrograde, retrospective
rog-	Ask	Derogatory, interrogation
rump-, rupt-	Break	Eruption, rupture, interrupt
sagitt-	Arrow	Sagittarius, sagittal plane
sal-	Salt	Salinity
sculp-	Carve	Sculpture
simil-	Likeness, trust, group	Assimilate, Similarity
sist-	Cause to stand	Consist, persistence
somn-	Sleep	Insomnia
sucr-	Sugar	Sucrose
tard-	Slow	Retard, tardy
tempor-	Time	Contemporary, temporal
termin-	Boundary, limit	Determine, terminal
terr-	Dry land	Subterranean, terrace
test-	Witness	Testament, Testimony
trans-	Across	Transcendent, Transportation
ultra-	Beyond	Ultrasonic
un-	One	Unary, union
urb-	City	Urban, suburban
vac-	Empty	Vacancy, vacation
vag-	Wander	Vagabond, vague
vend-	Sell	Vendor, vending

ver-	True	Verify, veracious
verb	Word	Verbal, verbosity
vi-	Way	Deviate, obvious
vic-	Change	Vice versa, vicissitude
viv-	Live	Survive, vivid
voc-	Voice	Provocative, vocal