List of Greek and Latin roots in English

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| Root | Meaning in English | Origin Language | Etymology (root origin) | My Examples | Your Example – word, definition, sentence |
| ab-, a-, abs | Away, from | Latin | Ab “away” | abnormal, abrasion, absent, abstain, abstract, aversion |  |
| ac- | Sharp or pointed | Latin | acere | acupuncture |  |
| acerb | Sharp, bitter, sour | Latin | acerbus | acerbic, exacerbate |  |
| acid | Sour, or acid | Latin | acidus | acidosis |  |
| acr | Height, summit, tip | Greek | Axpoc- akros“high”, “extreme” | Acrobatics, acromegaly, acronym, acrophobia |  |
| acu | sharp | Latin | Acutus, past participle of acuere “to sharpen” from acus “needle.” | Acupuncture, acute, acutifoliate |  |
| Ad-, a-. ac-,af-, ag-, al-,ap-, ar-, as-, at- | Movement to or toward; in addition to | Latin | Ad “to”, “toward” | Accept, adapt, affect, approximate, ascend |  |
| adip | Fat | Latin | Adeps, adipis, “fat” | adipose |  |
| Aer- | Air, atmosphere | Greek | Aer, air | Aeronautics, aerosol |  |
| aesthet | Feeling, sensation | Greek | Aisthetikos, “of sense perception, from aisthanesthai “to perceive” | Aesthetics, anaesthetic |  |
| agr | field | Greek | Agros, “field” | agronomy |  |
| Agri, egri | field | Latin | Ager, agris, “field” “country” | Agriculture, peregrine |  |
| Alb | Dull white | Latin | albus | Albedo, albino, albumen |  |
| Am-, amat-, amor- | Love, loved | Latin | Amor, “love” from amare “to love” | Amateur, amorous |  |
| Ambi | Both, on both sides | Latin | Ambi “on both sides” | Ambidexterity, ambivalent |  |
| Amic, imic | Friend | Latin | Amicus | Amicable, inimical |  |
| Amph, amphi | Around, about, both, on both sides of, both kinds | Greek | Amphi “on both sides” | Amphibian, amphibolic, amphoterism |  |
| Ampl | Ample, abundant, bountiful | Latin | amplus | Amplification |  |

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| An-, a- | Not, without | Greek | Av-la, “not” | Anyhydrous, atypical |  |
| Ana-, an- | Again, against, back, up | Greek | Ava, “again”, “against” | Anabaptist, anaphylaxsis,  |  |
| andr | Male, masculine | Greek | Andros | Avopoc, andros |  |
| anem | wind | Greek | anemos | anemometer |  |
| anim | breath | Latin | Anima,”breath” | Animal, animation |  |
| Ann-, enn- | Year, yearly | Latin | Annus, “year” | Anniversary, annual, biannual,  |  |
| Ant-, anti- | Against, opposed to, preventive | Greek | “against” | Antagonist, antibiotic,  |  |
| Ante-, anti- | Before, in front of, prior to | Latin | Ante, “before”, “against” | Antebellum, antediluvian,  |  |
| Anth- | Flower | Greek | Anthos, “flower” | Anther, anthology |  |
| antrhop | human | Greek | Anthropos, man | Anthropology, anthropomorphic |  |
| Ap-, apo- | Away from, separate, at the farthest point | Greek | Apo, from, away, | Apocrine, apogee, apostasy |  |
| aqu | water | Latin | aqua | Aquamarine, aquarium, aqueduct,  |  |
| Ar- | Plow, till | Latin | arare | arable |  |
| Ar- | Be dry | Latin | Arere, “be dry or parched” | arid |  |
| Arche-, archi- | ruler | Greek | Arche, “rule” | Archangel, archetype |  |
| Archae, arche | ancient | Greek | Ancient, from the arkhe, beginning | Archaeology, or archeology, archaic |  |
| Arct- | Relating to North pole or near it; cold | Greek | Arktos “bear” | Artic Ocean |  |
| argent | silver | Latin | argentum | Argent, Argentina |  |
| arist | excellence | Greek | Arête, aristos | aristocracy |  |
| arthr | joint | Greek | arthon | Arthritis, arthropod |  |
| astr | Star, star-shaped | Greek | Astron, star | Asterisk, astrology, astronomy |  |
| athl | prize | Greek | Contest, feat | Athlete, pentathlon |  |
| audi | Hearing, listening, sound | Latin | Audire, to hear | Audible, auditorium, auditory |  |
| Aug, auct | Grow, increase | Latin | Augere, auctus, “to increase” | Augend, augmentation |  |
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| Aur- | Relating to gold, or gold colored | Latin | Aurum, “gold” | Aureate, |  |
| Auri- | Relating to the ear | Latin | Auris, “ear” | auricle |  |
| Aut-, auto- | Self; directed from within | Greek | Autos, “self” “same” | Autograph, automobile, autonomy |  |
| avi | bird | Latin | avis | Aviary, aviation |  |
| axi | axis | Latin | axis | axisymmetry |  |
| axio | merit | Greek | Axios, “worth” | axiology |  |