

Greek and Latin Vocabulary

Guiding Document

Students should master the following Greek/Latin Roots and Affixes to be fully prepared for accessing the meanings of unknown words. This core vocabulary list should be used in mastery lessons. Systematic instruction of academic vocabulary is a central shift of Ohio's Learning Standards. Greek/Latin Roots and Affixes are specifically addressed in Language Standard 4b: Use common, grade appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word.

Core List (Greek Roots)

phobia-fear, dislike, aversion; **phobe**-one who fears or dislikes

ex. claustrophobia-fear of enclosed or narrow spaces

ex. bibliophobe-one who fears/hates books

phil/philo-loving, fond of (opposite of mis); **phile**=one who loves

ex. philanthropy-love of humanity, especially through charity

ex. philogyny-love of women

ex. technophile-one who loves technology

mis-hate (opposite of phil/philo)

ex. misoneism-hatred of anything new

macro-large, long (opposite of micro)

ex. macroscopic-large enough to be visible to the human eye

micro-small, minute (opposite of macro)

ex. microdent-having small teeth

a/an-not, without

ex. amoral-not moral, without a sense of moral responsibility

ex. anarchy-no government, without rules

mono/mon-one, single, alone (opposite of poly)

ex. monotheism-belief that there is only one God

poly-many (opposite of mono)

ex. polychromatic-having many colors

logy-science, study of, account of

ex. psychology-science/study of the mind

bio-life

ex. biopsy-diagnostic exam of human tissue from a living body

homo-alike, like (opposite of hetero)

ex. homorhythm-a very similar rhythm

hetero-different (opposite of homo)

ex. heteroclite-atypical, abnormal

hyper-over, above, beyond the ordinary (opposite of hypo)

ex. hypertension-abnormally high blood pressure

hypo-under, beneath, less than the ordinary (opposite of hyper)

ex. hypothermia-subnormal body temperature

archy-rule

ex. matriarchy-family/social unit where mother or lead female rules and kinships are traced through the female line

geo/gee-earth, ground

ex. geophysics-science of the forces that modify the earth

ex. apogee-farthest point from earth of an orbiting satellite; highest point of something measured from the ground up

path/patho/pathy-feeling, suffering; disease

ex. pathetic-causing a feeling of pity

ex. pathological-due to a disease

ex. apathy-lack of feeling, emotion, interest, or excitement

morph-form

ex. metamorphosis-change of form

Core List (Latin Roots)

fract/frag-break

ex. infraction-act of breaking a rule

ex. fragment-part that is broken off

flect/flex-bend

ex. deflect-turn or "bend" aside

ex. flexible-capable of being bent

cred/credit-believe

ex. credentials-documents that inspire belief or trust

ex. discredit-loss of belief or trust

grat-pleasant, thank, favor

ex. gratify-give or be a source of pleasure

ex. grateful-thankful

ex. gratuity-money given for a favor or service, such as a tip

corp-body

ex. incorporate-to combine into one body

duc/duct-lead, draw

ex. conducive-tending to lead to; contributive or helpful
ex. deduction-drawing or taking away, subtraction

secut/sequ-follow

ex. consecutive-following in regular order, successive
ex. sequel-something that follows; a continuation

gress/grad-step, walk, go

ex. transgression-step or go beyond the limits, barriers, or laws
ex. graduate-complete all the steps of a course and receive a diploma

ped-foot

ex. pedestrian-person travelling on foot

ject-throw, cast

ex. interject-throw in between, insert

vert/vers-turn

ex. invert-turn upside down
ex. versatile-able to turn with ease from one thing to another

mis/miss/mit/mitt-send

ex. missive-written message that is sent; a letter
ex. transmit-send across

fer/ferous-bearing, producing, yielding

ex. conifer-a tree or shrub that bears cones, as the pine tree
ex. proliferous-producing rapidly, abundantly, and extensively

Core List (Latin Prefixes)

ante-before

ex. antediluvian-period before the Biblical flood; very old

pre-before

ex. premonition-a warning before, forewarning

post-after

ex. postpone-put after, delay

ad-to

ex. adhere-stick to

a/ab-away, from

ex. avert-turn away

ex. abduct-lead from

de-from, down

ex. demote-move down in rank

dis-apart, away

ex. dismiss-send away

e/ex-out

ex. emit-send out

ex. expel-drive out

con/col/com/cor-together, with

ex. conspire-plot together or with

ex. colloquy-a talking together, as in a conference

ex. compose-put together

ex. correspond-communicate with by exchange of letters

contra-against

ex. contradict-speak against, deny

extra-beyond

ex. extraordinary-beyond the ordinary

preter-beyond

ex. preternatural-beyond what is natural; supernatural

ultra-beyond, exceedingly

ex. ultraconservative-exceedingly conservative

super-above

ex. superfluous-above what is wanted or needed; unnecessary

sub/sup-under

ex. submerge-put under water

ex. suppress-to keep under or forcibly stop

inter-between

ex. intercede-to go between arguing parties; mediate

intra-within

ex. intravenous-within a vein

pro-forward

ex. projectile-a weapon that is thrown forward

retro-backward

ex. retrogression-act of moving backwards

re-again, back

ex. revive-make alive again

circum-around

ex. circumference-distance yielded by going around an object

trans-across, through

ex. transcontinental-extending across a continent

ex. transparent-something that can be seen through

bi-two

ex. bisect-cut into two parts

semi-half

ex. semiannual-occurring every half year

Standard Lists

These Latin and Greek standard vocabulary lists may be used in addition to the core lists.

Latin

rupt-break, burst

cide-killing, killer

string/strict-bind, draw tight

vor-eat greedily

viv-live, alive

tort/tors-twist

vict/vinc-conquer

omni-all, every, everywhere

ten/tin/tent-hold, keep

mon/monit-warn

mand/mandat-order, command, commit

fid-faith, trust

mor/mort-death

cur/curr/curs-run

tact/tang-touch

prehend/prehens-seize, grasp

locut/loqu-speak, talk

in/il/im/ir-not; in, into, on

ob/op-against

per-through, thoroughly

se-apart

vice-in place of

Greek

dys-bad, ill, difficult (opposite of eu)

eu-good, well, advantageous (opposite of dys)

tomy/tom-cutting, operation of incision

pod-foot

endo-within (opposite of exo)

exo-out of, outside (opposite of endo)

peri-around, about, near, enclosing