

JMJ
Greek and Latin Roots and Prefixes

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Word/Definition	Sample
Lesson One	
Prefix: a, ab, abs (without, away from)	amoral, atypical
Root: amat, amor (love, a fondness for)	amorous
Root: anim (life, mind, soul, spirit)	unanimous, equanimity, magnanimous
Prefix: ante (before)	anteroom, antebellum, ante up
Root: anthro/andr (man/ human)	misanthrope, philanthropy
Root: aud (hear, listen)	audio, audience
Root: aqua (water)	aquarium, aquatically
Lesson Two	
Root: arachne (spider)	arachnophobia
Root: annu/enni (year)	centennial, biannual
Root: arch/archi (chief, principal)	archenemy, archangel, archetype
Root: archy (ruler)	monarchy, matriarch, patriarch
Root: auto (self)	autocrat, autobiography
Root: bell (war)	antebellum
Prefix: bi (two)	bicycle, bipolar
Root: ology (the study of)	biology, psychology
Lesson Three	
Root: bio (life)	biology, biography
Root: bene/bon (good/well)	benevolent, bonus, beneficial
Root: biblio (book)	Bible, bibliography, bibliophile
Root: card/cord/cour (heart)	cardiac, cordially, courage
Root: cand (light)	candle, candid
Root: chromato/chrom (color)	chromatic
Root: cent/centi (one hundred)	century, centennial
Prefix: col/con/com (together/with)	confide, connect, collect
Prefix: contra (against/opposed to)	contradictory
Lesson Four	
Root: cosm/cosmo (universe, world)	macrocosm, microcosm
Root: cide (to kill)	pesticide, homicide
Root: chrono/chron (time)	chronological, chronometer
Root: cred (believe, trust)	incredible, credit, credence
Root: crat/cracy (govern)	aristocracy, theocracy, democracy
Root: cryp (secret/ hidden)	cryptic, cryptography, apocryphal
Root: cern/cer/cret/crim/crit (separate/judge/decide)	concern, critic, secret, crime, discriminate
Root: don/dent (tooth, teeth)	dentist, orthodontia

Lesson Five

Root: demi, hemi, semi (half)

Root: dem/demo (people)

Root: dat/doc/doct (teach)

Root: dic/dict/dit (to say, tell)

Root: dog/dox (opinion)

Root: don/dow/dot (give)

Root: deca (ten)

Root: derm (skin)

Root: dign (worthy)

demigod, semicircle, hemisphere

democracy, epidemic

didactic, indoctrinate, datum

contradict, malediction, benediction

orthodox, paradox, dogmatic

donate, dowry, condone

decagram

dermatitis, dermatology

dignified, dignitary

Lesson Six

Prefix: dia (across or through)

Root: epi (upon)

Root: equa/equ (equal, even)

Root: etym (truth/real)

Root: extra (outside/beyond)

Root: ego (I)

Root: ergo (therefore)

Root: eu (good/well)

Root: graph (writing)

dialogue

epidemic, epilogue, epidermis

equivocate, equidistant

etymology

extraordinary, extrasensory

egocentric, egomaniac

ergo!

eulogy, euphony, euphoria

biography

Root Seven

Root: fer (to bring/carry/bear)

Root: fid (faith/trust)

Root: fore (before)

Root: gen (birth/creation/race/kind)

Root: gn/gno/cogn (to know)

Root: hetero (different)

Root: hom/homo (same)

Root: hyper (over/excessive)

transfer, proffer, vociferous

confide, fidelity, Bona fide

aforementioned, foresight, foreshadow

homogeneous, genealogy, genocide

recognize, incognito, diagnose

heterodox, heterogeneous

homogeneous, homonym

hyperactive, hyperbole

Lesson Eight

Root: hydra (water)

Root: hypo (under/less/beneath)

Prefix: im/in/em/en (into/in)

Prefix: il/non/un/in/im (not/without)

Prefix: inter (between, among)

Root: intra (within)

Suffix: itis (inflamed)

Root: loc/log/loqu (word/speech)

hydrophobic, hydroplane

hypodermic, hypocritical

incarnate, embrace

indifferent, illegal, unkind, inept, noncommittal

interim, interlude, interstate

intravenous, intramural

tonsillitis, dermatitis

soliloquy, loquacious, grandiloquent, locution

Lesson Nine

Root: lith/litho (stone, rock)

Root: luc/lum/lus (light)

Root: lud/lus (play)

Root: max/maj/mag (big)

Root: mal/mis/male (bad/evil/wrong)

Root: mis/mit (to send)

Root: morph (shape)

Root: macro (huge)

Root: micro (tiny)

Root: mir (to look)

Root: migr (to wander)

Paleolithic

luminescent, translucent, Lucifer

ludicrous, elusive, elude

majestic, magnanimous

dismal, malevolent, malcontent

transmit, intermittent

anthropomorphic, polymorphous

macrocosmic

microcosmic, microscope, microphone

mirror, mirage, miracle

migrate

Lesson Ten

Root: mon (advise, to warn)

Root: nom/nym/noun (name)

Root: nov/neo/nou (new)

Root: omni (all/everywhere)

Root: ortho (straight)

Root: pan (all/everywhere)

Root: phobia (fear)

Root: pseudo (fake)

admonish, monarchy, admonition, premonition

synonym, pseudonym, misnomer

novice, novelty, neologism, nouveau riche

omnipotent, omniscient

orthodontia, orthodox, orthopedic

panorama, pantheon, pandemic

arachnophobia, xenophobic

pseudonym

Lesson Eleven

Root: mega (large)

Root: mar/mer (sea)

Root: matri (mother)

Root: part/patri (father)

Root: pas/path/pat (feeling/suffering, disease)

Root: poly (many)

Root: ped (child/education)

Root: ped/pod (foot)

Root: peri (around)

Root: phil/philo (love)

Root: phone (sound)

Root: psych (mind)

Root: polis/polit (city, method of government)

megaphone

mermaid, marine, maritime

matriarch

patriot, patriarch

apathy, sympathy, pathology

polygamy, polygon

pedagogue, pediatrician

pedestrian, podium

perimeter, periphery

philosophy, bibliophile

telephone, cacophony, euphony

psychology, psychopath

metropolis, political

Lesson Twelve

Root: paleo (ancient)
 Root: port (to carry)
 Prefix: pre (before)
 Root: sacr/sanct/secr (sacrifice)
 Root: spir (breath)
 Root: soph/Sophia (wisdom)
 Root: sequ/secut (follow)
 Root: spec/spect (to see/to look)
 Root: sci (to know)
 Root: scribe/script (to write)

Paleolithic
 import, portfolio, portable
 prelude, presuppose, premeditate
 sanctify, sacrilege
 spirit
 philosophy, sophomore
 non sequitur, sequential
 circumspect, introspective
 science, omniscient
 scripture, postscript, transcribe

Lesson Thirteen

Root: sphere (round)
 Root: sec/sect (to cut)
 Root: taph (tombstone)
 Root: tri (three)
 Root: super/sur (above/beyond)
 Root: tac/tic (to be silent)
 Root: terra (earth/ground)
 Root: theo (gods/God)
 Root: trans (across)
 Root: somn (sleep)

hemisphere
 dissect
 epitaph
 tripod, tricycle
 superstition, superfluous, supersede
 tacit, taciturn
 terrestrial, terra cotta
 atheist, theocracy, theology
 transport, transfer, translucent
 somnambulist, insomnia

Lesson Fourteen

Root: sym/syn (same)
 Root: ven/vent (to move forward, to come)
 Root: ver (truth)
 Root: vi (life)
 Root: vid/vis (to see)
 Root: voc/vok (to call)
 Root: vol (to wish)
 Root: vinc/vint (to conquer)
 Root: xeno (foreigner)

symphony, sympathy
 venturesome, avenue, circumvent, convene
 verdict, verify, verisimilitude
 vivid, vicarious, convivial
 television, visage, visionary
 vocal, equivocate, irrevocable
 volition
 victory
 xenophobic

Lesson Fifteen

Root: duc/duct (to lead)
 Root: tract (to drag)
 Root: peti (to seek aggressively, to rush)
 Root: fract/fring/frang (to break)
 Root: cis (cut, kill)
 Root: tom (to cut)
 Root: punct (to sting, pierce)
 Root: pel/puls (to push, to drive)
 Root: jac/ject (to throw, to cast)
 Root: mit/mis (send)

conducive, induce, deduce
 protracted, intractable, retract
 petulant, impetuous, impetus
 fractious, infraction, infringe
 excise, incisive, concise
 tome, epitome, dichotomy
 compunction, punctilious, pungent
 compel, impulse, expel
 conjecture, dejected, abject
 emissary, dismissive, mission

Lesson Sixteen

Root: mot/mov (to move)

Root: via (road, way)

Root: port (to carry, to bring)

Root: pari (to be visible, appear)

Root: phan (to appear, to show)

Root: her/hes (to attach, be fixed)

Root: fus (to pour out)

Root: solu/solv (to loosen, to solve)

Root: leg (to select, to choose, to gather)

Root: fac/fact/fic (to make, do)

motive, motif, emote

viaduct, impervious, deviate, obviate

comportment, purported, report

apparition

phenomenon, diaphanous, epiphany

adherent, incoherent, inherent

diffuse, effusive, profuse

resolute, dissolute, insoluble

diligent, recollect, sacrilege

proficient, factotum, facsimile

Lesson Seventeen

Root: pon/pound (to put, to place, to arrange)

Root: struct/strue (to build)

Root: stit/stat (to stand)

Root: plac (to please)

Root: grat (pleasing, earning thanks, thankful)

Root: temper (make less severe)

Root: tort/torq (to twist)

Root: volv/volu (to roll, to turn)

Root: flex/flect (to bend)

Root: vert/vers (to turn)

expound, proponent

infrastructure, construe, constructive

destitute, restitution, stature, station

complacent, placebo, placid

gratuitous, ingratiate, ingrate

temperance, intemperate

tortuous, retort, extort

voluble, convoluted, evolve

inflexible, deflect, inflection

adverse, revert, subvert

Lesson Eighteen

Root: culp (to blame)

Root: onus/oner (burden)

Root: prob/prov (prove good, approve)

Root: fall (to deceive)

Root: dub (to doubt, doubtful)

Root: ultima (last)

Root: fin (end, border, limit)

Root: prim (first)

Root: err (to wander)

Root: grad/gress (to go forth, to proceed)

culpable, culprit, mea culpa

onus, onerous, exonerate

approbation, reprobate, reprove

fallacy, fallacious, fallible

dubious, indubitable, redoubtable

ultimate, penultimate, ultimatum

infinite, definitive, infinitesimal

primal, primeval, primacy

aberrant, erroneous, errant

degrade, congress, egress

Lesson Nineteen

Root: cur/curs (to run)	cursory, precursor, incursion
Root: vir (man)	virile, virtue, virtuoso
Root: civis (citizen)	civility, civic, civilize
Root: clam/claim (to shout or call)	exclamatory, declaim, clamorous
Root: crux (cross)	excruciating, crux, crucial
Root: dol (to feel pain, to be grieved)	indolent, doleful, dolorous
Root: acri (sharp)	acerbic, acrid, exacerbate
Root: ferv (to boil, be warm)	fervent, fervor, effervescent
Root: put (to think)	impute, dispute, disreputable
Root: nota (to note)	connotation, denotation, annotate

Lesson Twenty

Root: ratio (reason)	irrational, rationale, rationalize
Root: aes (feeling, perception)	aesthetic, anesthetic
Root: path (to feel)	apathetic, empathy, pathos, antipathy
Root: sens/sent (to feel, to be aware)	sentient, sentinel, sentiment, presentiment
Root: tang/tact (to touch)	tangible, tactile, intact
Root: quis (ask, seek, demand)	inquisitive, acquisitive, requisition
Root: spond/spouse (pledge, show support for)	espouse, correspond, despondent
Root: rog (to ask, demand)	interrogate, derogatory, arrogant
Root: prec (prayer)	precarious, imprecation, deprecate
Root: consil (bring together, advice)	counsel, conciliatory, reconcile

Lesson Twenty-One

Root: cuat (to be careful)	precaution, cautious, cautionary
Root: suad (advise)	dissuade, persuasion, persuade
Root: gust (taste)	gusto, gustatory
Root: sip, sap (to taste)	insipid, sapient
Root: av (to crave, to desire)	avid, avarice
Root: bib (to drink)	imbibe, bibulous
Root: glut (to devour)	glutton, glut

Lesson Twenty-Two

Root: palat (palate)	palate, palatable
Root: ranc (to stink)	rancid, rancor
Root: putr (rotten)	putrefy, putrid
Root: stagn (to stagnate, form a pool of standing water)	stagnate, stagnant
Root: odor (smell)	malodorous, odoriferous
Root: ol (to smell)	olfactory, redolent
Root: fet (to stink)	fetid