

The **Top Ten** Greek Root Words you need to know

Nearly 60 percent of English words are built on **Latin** or **Greek** root words. Knowing these Greek root words will give you a big head start on becoming a great communicator in English.

1 bio – life | **Biology, Biography**

2 chrono – time | **Chronicle, Chronological**

3 poli – city | **Metropolis, Policy**

4 phon – sound | **Phonograph, Symphony**

5 geo – earth | **Geography, Geology**

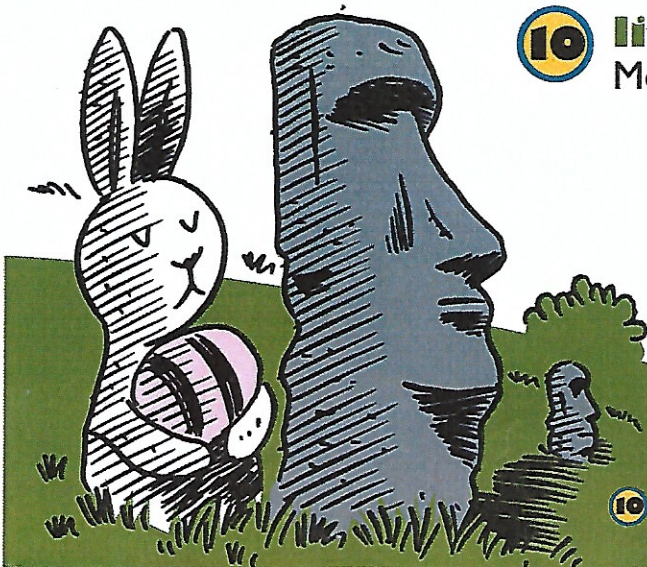
6 astr – star | **Asteroid, Astronaut**

7 mim – same | **Mimic, Pantomime**

8 graph – write | **Epigraph, Graphite**

9 morph – Shape | **Metamorphic, Morphology**

10 lith – stone
Monolith, Paleolithic



The examples above, along with over 150 additional roots can be found in Prestwick House's *Growing Your Vocabulary: Learning from Latin and Greek Roots* series



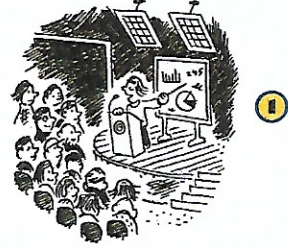
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The **Top Ten** Latin Root Words you need to know

While a large number of science and technology words come from **Greek**, nearly all of our English law and logic words come from **Latin**. Knowing these Latin root words will give you a big head start on becoming a great communicator in English.

1 aud – to hear | **Audition, Audience**



2 ben – well | **Benefit, Beneficial**

3 gen – create, to give birth | **Generate, Progeny**

4 jur/jus – law | **Justify, Jury**



5 manu – hand | **Manual, Manufacture**

6 log – word/study | **Prologue, Logic**

7 temp – time | **Temporary, Tempo**



8 terr – Earth | **Terrarium, Terrain**

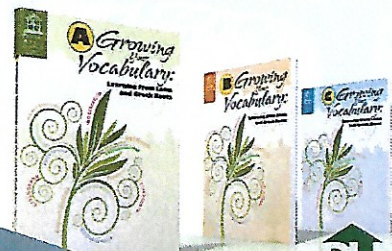


9 scrib – to write | **Describe, Script**

10 vid/vis – to see | **Video, Vision**



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