

Word Parts I: basic Greek and Latin roots

This is a special list we've created from information in our word parts database that teachers may find helpful in introducing Greek and Latin roots in grades 3 to 5.

roots	meaning	example words
agri	<i>soil, earth, field</i>	agriculture, agronomy
aqu	<i>water</i>	aquarium, aqua, aquaculture
astro	<i>star</i>	astronaut, astronomy, astrology
auto	<i>self</i>	automatic, autograph, autobiography
cent	<i>hundred</i>	century, cent, centipede
cap	<i>head</i>	captain, capital, capitalize
dent	<i>teeth</i>	dentist, dental
dict	<i>tell</i>	dictionary, predict, dictator
gram	<i>write</i>	telegram, diagram, grammar
graph	<i>write</i>	telegraph, geography, graphics
mob, mot	<i>move</i>	mobile, motion, motor
ped	<i>foot</i>	pedal, pedestrian, centipede
phon	<i>sound</i>	telephone, microphone, symphony
phot	<i>light</i>	photograph, photosynthesis
port	<i>carry</i>	transport, import, portable
rupt	<i>break</i>	erupt, interrupt, disrupt
scrib, script	<i>write</i>	scribble, prescription, script
sol	<i>sun</i>	solar system, parasol
sol	<i>alone</i>	solo, solitaire
spect	<i>look</i>	inspect, spectator, spectacles
spher	<i>ball</i>	spherical, hemisphere
stell	<i>star</i>	constellation, stellar
struct	<i>build</i>	construct, structure
tele	<i>distance</i>	telephone, telescope, television