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Latin Roots: P - Z

Root words are parts of words that have meaning but are not usually words by themselves. They need affixes, other roots, or both to make a full word.

Many English words have roots that come from Greek or Latin. Recognizing root words can help you spell words correctly and guess the meaning of unknown words.

The table below lists some common Latin roots and their meanings.

Root	Meaning
<i>pat</i>	father
<i>ped</i>	foot
<i>pend/pens</i>	hang
<i>port</i>	carry

Root	Meaning
<i>spir</i>	breathe
<i>sta/stis</i>	stand
<i>stru/struct</i>	build
<i>sum/sume/sumpt</i>	take



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<i>scrib/script</i>	write
<i>sec/sect/seg</i>	cut
<i>sens/sent</i>	feel
<i>sequ/sec</i>	follow
<i>sign</i>	mark; seal; sign
<i>soci</i>	group
<i>sol</i>	sun; alone; whole
<i>son</i>	sound
<i>spect/spic</i>	look; see

<i>tract</i>	pull
<i>trud/trus</i>	thrust
<i>vac</i>	empty
<i>val</i>	strong; worth
<i>ven/vent</i>	come
<i>vers/vert</i>	turn
<i>vid/vis</i>	see
<i>voc</i>	call; voice
<i>vol/volv</i>	roll

Can you identify the Latin parts of these words? Which words do you know? Guess the meaning of the ones you don't—and confirm with a dictionary!

transport

inscription

solitude

respiration

terrarium

intractable

descend

protrusion

bipedal