

2014-2015 GREEK & LATIN WORD PARTS: PREFIXES, ROOTS, AND SUFFIXES

Why should we study word parts?

The SAT chooses words from a list of over 30,000. Is there a shortcut to learning all the potential vocabulary? Rather than memorizing word lists, there certainly is a more efficient way to learn the meaning of words. Just 20 prefixes and 14 roots can help you find the meaning of over 100,000 words. The lists below cover these word parts and the other most commonly assessed prefixes, roots, and suffixes. Your knowledge of these word parts will help you define unknown words in your reading and on future assessments.

Defining the word parts:

Prefix - A word part added to the beginning of a root or base word to create a new meaning,

Suffix - A letter or a group of letters added to the end of a root or base word to change its meaning,

Root - the form of a word after all affixes are removed

(Generally, prefixes and suffixes change the meanings of roots, but it is usually the suffix that denotes the part of speech.)

Assessing your knowledge:

You will be tested on each of the following lists on assigned Mondays. Pay attention in class and take notice of the whiteboard and my website as to when each list will be assessed. It is your responsibility to be ready to take the test on the Monday for which it is assigned. Be sure you use the study techniques at home that work for you to prepare for the tests. Many students find flashcards to be very helpful.

** Special Note: When more than one definition appears for a word part, be sure to memorize ALL definitions.

List 1

Test Date: _____

Prefix	Definition	Root	Definition
inter	between, among	mit, mis ven, vent ver, vert, vers	to send
re	again, back		to come
sub	under, less than		to turn
trans	across		

Sample words: *intercept* *replay* *mission* *ventilate*
 reverse *submarine* *Transamerica*

List 2

Test Date: _____

Prefix	Definition	Root	Definition
a, ab, abs	away from	ced, cede, ceed, cess duc, duct scrib, script	to go, to give in
com, con, co, col	with, together		to lead
post	after		to write
un	not		

Sample words: *absent* *coworker* *combine* *postpone* *unstoppable*
 transcribe *conduct*

List 3

Test Date: _____

Prefix	Definition	Root	Definition
anti	against	phon	sound, voice
equ, equi	equal	log	speech, word, reason
mal, male	bad, ill, wrong	man	hand, make do

Sample words: *antifreeze* *phonograph* *manual* *logical*
 equality *malfunction*

List 4

Test Date: _____

Prefix	Definition	Root	Definition
mis	wrong, badly	act, ag	to do, to act
pro	forward, going ahead of, supporting	cred, credit	to believe
super	over, above, greater	luna	moon

Sample words: *mistreat* *action* *prowar* *superstar* *lunatic*
 credible

List 7

Test Date: _____

Prefix	Definition	Root	Definition
mono	one, alone, single	ben, bene	good
omni	everywhere, all		to make, to do
un, uni	one		to hold
			to come

Sample words:

*monotonous
factory*

*omniscient
maintain obtain*

*unicycle
adventure*

*beneficial
mission*

List 8

Test Date: _____

Prefix	Definition	Root	Definition
epi	upon, on top of	fer, ferr	to carry, bring
ex, e, ef	out, from		graph
non	not, the reverse of	sequ, secu	to follow

Sample words:

*epic
sequence*

*exit
equality*

nonsense

ferry

telegraph

List 9

Test Date: _____

Prefix	Definition	Root	Definition
ante	before	tact	to touch
il, im, in, ir	in, into	tend, tens, tent	to stretch
il, im, in, ir	not	tract	to draw

Sample words:

tactile
inject

anterior
irrelevant

tendon

distract

inactive