

# LANGUAGE ARTS *root words & their derivatives*

**acer, acid, acri** | bitter, sour, sharp  
→ *acerbic, acidity, acrid, acrimony*

**ag, agi, ig, act** | do, move, go  
→ *agent, agenda, agitate, navigate, ambiguous, action*

**anni, annu, enni** | year  
→ *anniversary, annually, centennial*

**arch** | chief, first, rule  
→ *archangel, architect, archaic, monarchy, patriarchy*

**aud** | hear, listen  
→ *audiology, auditorium, audition*

**belli** | war  
→ *rebellion, belligerent, bellicose*

**capit, capt** | head  
→ *decapitate, capital, captain*

**clud, clus, claus** | shut  
→ *include, conclude, reclusion, occlusion, claustrophobia*

**cord, cor, cardi** | heart  
→ *cordial, concord, discord, courage*

**corp** | body  
→ *corpse, corps, corporation, corpulent, corporal punishment*

**crea** | create  
→ *creature, recreation, creation*

**cresc, cret, crease** | rise, grow  
→ *crescendo, concrete, increase*

**cycl, cyclo** | wheel, circular  
→ *bicycle, cyclic, cyclone, cycle*

**dem** | people  
→ *democracy, demography, epidemic*

**dict** | say, speak  
→ *dictation, dictionary, benediction, dictator, edict, predict, verdict*

**dorm** | sleep  
→ *dormant, dormitory*

**dura** | hard, lasting  
→ *durable, duration, endure*

**equi** | equal  
→ *equinox, equilibrium, equipoise*

**fall, fals** | deceive  
→ *fallacy, fallacious, falsify*

**fid, fide, feder** | faith, trust  
→ *confidante, fidelity, confident, infidel, federal, confederacy*

**fin** | end, ended, finished  
→ *final, finite, finish, confine, fine, refine, define, finale*

**fort, forc** | strong  
→ *fortress, fortify, forte, fortitude*

**geo** | earth  
→ *geography, geocentric, geology*

**grad, gress** | step, go  
→ *grade, gradual, graduate, progress*

**here, hes** | stick  
→ *adhere, cohere, inherent, cohesion*

**hydr, hydra, hydro** | water  
→ *dehydrate, hydrant, hydraulic, hydrogen, hydrophobia*

**ignis** | fire  
→ *ignite, igneous, ignition*

**ject** | throw  
→ *deject, project, eject, interject*

**lau, lav, lot, lut** | wash  
→ *launder, lavatory, lotion, ablution*

**liter** | letters  
→ *literary, literal, alliteration*

**mag** | great  
→ *magnificent, magnify, magnanimous, magnum*

**man** | hand  
→ *manual, manage, manufacture, manicure, manifest, maneuver*

**mem** | remember  
→ *memo, commemoration, memento, memoir, memorable*

**migra** | wander  
→ *migrate, emigrant, immigrate*

**mit, mis** | send  
→ *mission, transmit, mission, missile*

**nov** | new  
→ *novel, novice, innovate, renovate*

**omni** | all, every  
→ *omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, omnivorous*

**path, pathy** | feeling, suffering  
→ *pathos, sympathy, apathy, telepathy*

**ped, pod** | foot  
→ *pedal, impede, pedestrian, centipede, tripod, podiatry*

**pel, puls** | drive, urge  
→ *compel, dispel, expel, repel, propel, pulse, impulse, pulsate, repulsive*

**poli** | city  
→ *metropolis, police, politics, acropolis*

**port** | carry  
→ *portable, transport, export, support*

**punct** | point, dot  
→ *punctual, punctuation, puncture*

**ri, ridi, risi** | laughter  
→ *deride, ridicule, ridiculous, risible*

**salv, salu** | safe, healthy  
→ *salvation, salvage, salutation*

**scope** | see, watch  
→ *telescope, periscope, kaleidoscope*

**scrib, script** | write  
→ *scribble, inscribe, describe, prescribe, manuscript*

**sent, sens** | feel  
→ *sentiment, consent, dissent, sense, sensation, sensitive, sensory*

**sign, signi** | sign, mark seal  
→ *signal, signature, design, insignia*

**sist, sta, stit** | stand  
→ *assist, persist, stamina, status, state, stable, stationary*

**solv, sol** | loosen  
→ *solvent, absolve, soluble, solution*

**spir** | breath  
→ *spirit, expire, inspire, respiration*

**tact, tang, tag, tig** | touch  
→ *tactile, contact, intact, tangible, contagious, contiguous*

**temp** | time  
→ *temporary, contemporary, temporal*

**ten, tin, tain** | hold  
→ *tenant, tenure, detention, pertinent, contain, pertain*

**terr** | earth  
→ *terrain, terrarium, territory*

**tract, tra** | draw, pull  
→ *tractor, attract, tractable, abstract*

**trib** | pay, bestow  
→ *tribute, contribute, attribute*

**uni** | one  
→ *unicorn, unify, universal*

**vac** | empty  
→ *vacate, vacuum, vacant, evacuate*

**ven, vent** | come  
→ *convene, venue, venture, advent*

**ver, veri** | true  
→ *verdict, verify, verisimilitude*

**vict, vinc** | conquer  
→ *victor, convict, convince, invincible*

**viv, vita, vivi** | alive, life  
→ *revive, survive, vivid, vitality*

**voc** | call  
→ *vocation, convocation, evoke, vocal*

**zo** | animal  
→ *zoo, zoology, zoomorphic, zodiac*

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