

It's Greek to Me Study List

Greek roots:

A-, An- means without in Greek
Aero- means air, mist or wind in Greek
An- means without or absence of in Greek
Andro- means man or male in Greek
Ant-, Anti- means opposite in Greek
Anthrop- means human in Greek
Auto- means self or same in Greek
Bio- means life or living in Greek
-Chron- means time in Greek
Crit- to judge or a decision in Greek
Cryo- means freezing cold in Greek
Crypt- means hidden or secret in Greek
Demo- means people in Greek
Dogm- means belief or opinion in Greek
Dys- means abnormal, difficult, or bad in Greek
Eco- means home, resources, or environment in Greek
Geo- means Earth in Greek
Gero-, Geri- means old age or old people in Greek
Gram- means written word in Greek
Graph- to write, record, or draw in Greek
Gymn- means bare or uncovered in Greek
Hetero- means other or different in Greek.
Horo- means hour, time, or season in Greek
Hyper- means excessive in Greek
Logo- means reason in Greek
-Mania- means mental disorder in Greek
Meteoro- means high up in the air in Greek
Metro- means mother in Greek
Micro- means small in Greek
Mis- means hatred of or disgust of in Greek
Mono- means one, single, or alone in Greek
Mythic- means imaginary story in Greek
Narco- means numbness or sleep in Greek
-Nosis means disease or sickness in Greek
-Onym or –Onymous means name or word in Greek
Organ- means body part, instrument, or tool in Greek
Pan- means all, every, or entire in Greek
Path- or –Pathy means feeling or sensation in Greek
Pedi- means child in Greek
Philo-, -Phil means have a strong love for in Greek
-Phobia means fear in Greek
Phon- or – Phony means sound in Greek
Photo- means light in Greek

Poly- means many in Greek
Sauro- or –Saur means reptile in Greek
Techno- means art or skill in Greek
Tele- means far off in Greek
Theo- or -theism means god in Greek
Thermo- means heat in Greek

Word List

Aerial = Reaching high into the air
Aerodynamics = the study of the motions of the air
Aeronaut = A pilot of an aircraft
Aeronautics = the design of aircraft
Aerosol = something in a mist form
Aerospace = Pertaining to the study of the earth's atmosphere and space
Amoral = without morals
Anachronism = Something out of its proper time
Anarchy = Absence of a leader
Androgynous = not quite male or female
Android = A human-like robot
Anonymous = having an unknown name
Anthropology = the study of human origins
Anti-Violence = against violence
Antonym = A word that is opposite to another word
Apathy = Lack of interest or feeling
Arachnophobia = Fear of spiders
Atheism = No belief in a god
Autobiography = the story a person writes about his own life
Biography = A written account of one's life
Biology = the science of living organisms
Biopsy = Studying tissue from a live person
Biosphere = the region of the earth where life naturally exists
Cacophony = Clashing and harsh sounds
Chronicle = A detailed, historical record
Claustrophobia = Fear of closed spaces
Criteria = Set of standards to base a decision or judgment
Critic = One who forms a judgment
Critical = Inclined to judge severely
Criticism = A judgment or comment
Cryogenics = Pertaining to cold temperatures
Cryometer = A device to measure very cold temperatures
Cryptic = something with a hidden meaning
Cryptogram = A secret code
Democracy = Government of the people
Demography = the study of human populations
Diagnosis = the act of identifying a disease
Dinosaur = any of the extinct prehistoric reptiles
Dogma = A set of ideas religious truths
Dogmatic = Characteristic of having authoritative and unproven beliefs
Dysfunctional = Functioning badly
Dyslexia = Difficulty in the ability to read and write
Ecology = Relationship between organisms and their environment
Economy = the management of resources like money
Geography = the study of Earth's characteristics

Geriatric = Pertaining to old people
Gerontocracy = A government of old people.
Gerontology = the scientific study of old people
Grammar = the study of written language
Grammar School = A school primarily directed toward basic writing
Grammatical = Pertaining to the rules of written language
Graphic = Pertaining to written or pictorial description
Graphology = the study of handwriting
Gymnasium = A room for exercise or sports
Gymnastics = Exercises that show strength, agility, and balance
Heterogeneous = consisting of different parts
Homonym = A word that has the same spelling as another, yet has different meaning
Horoscope = the aspect of the planets and stars, based on a given time
Hyperactive = having lots of extra energy
Hypersensitive = Being easily irritated
Logic = the study of reason
Logistic = Pertaining to a system of reasoning
Maniac = an insane person
Meteor = A trail in the sky formed when space matter enters the Earth's atmosphere
Meteorologist = Person who studies the atmosphere
Meteorology = the science of the atmosphere
Metropolis = A major city, from which other cities are tied
Microscope = an instrument that magnifies small objects
Misbehave = to behave badly
Mischief = Behavior that causes annoyance in others
Miserable = Very uncomfortable or unhappy.
Misfit = One who is not adjusted to society.
Monosyllable = A single, uninterrupted sound
Monotheism = Belief in one god
Myth = A fictional story that explains a natural phenomenon or belief
Mythical = having imaginary qualities
Mythology = A collection of myths
Narcolepsy = an illness where a person suddenly falls asleep
Narcotic = A substance that dulls the senses and causes sleepiness
Organic = Material from a living source
Organism = A living individual, plant, or animal
Organization = something that contains different parts into an ordered whole
Panacea = A cure for all disease, evils, or difficulties
Pandemic = Widespread
Pandemonium = Widespread chaos, noise, and uproar
Panoramic = seeing an entire view
Pathetic = Arousing feelings of pity
Pediatric = medical care for children
Philanthropy = Helping mankind through charity or donations

Philosophy = Love of wisdom
Phonics = the study of sound
Phonograph = A machine that reproduces sound
Photocopy = to make a reproduction using light
Photograph = A recorded image
Photography = the process of placing images on surfaces sensitive to light
Polyester = A product of numerous synthetic materials
Polyphonic = many sounds
Prognosis = A prediction of the course and outcome of a disease
Psychosis = A severe mental disorder
Pyromania = the uncontrollable urge to start fires
Sympathy = Feeling of understanding or affection
Symphony = A musical concert with a melody of sounds
Synonym = A word that has a similar meaning to another word
Technique = the degree of skill in a performance
Technology = the application of science to commercial skills
Telephone = an instrument that allows you to send your voice over to other people
Theocracy = Government by religious leaders
Thermometer = an instrument to measure heat