**Latin and Greek Roots Help Pages**

**Prefixes**

(L) ante-, pre- = before (anterior, antecedent, pregame)

post- = after (posterior, postgame)

(L) ob- (oc-, of-, op-) = up against; in the way (obstruct, occur, offer, oppress)

(L) ambi- or (G) amphi- = around; on both sides (ambidextrous, amphibian)

(L) contra-, contro-, counter-, or (G) anti-, ant- = opposite; against

(contraband, counterfeit, antibiotic, antonym)

(L) pro- = for, forward (pro-life, prolific, progress)

(L) con- or (G) syn-, sym-, syl- = with; together; *con- can sometimes mean “very”*

(construct, combine, collaborate, synonym, synergy, symbol, syllable) *(confection)*

(G) dia- = through; across; thorough (diameter, dialogue, diagram, diaphragm)

(L) tra-, trans-, meta- = across; change (tanspose, metamorphosis)

(L) per- = through; thorough; wrongly; *per- can sometimes mean “very”*

(perception, perfect, perjury, persecute) *(perfect)*

(L) circum-, circu- or (G) peri- = around (circumstance, circumference, periscope)

(L) e-, ex-, ef- = out; very (elated, event, evacuate, expose, effort)

(L) sub- or (G) hypo- = below; under; up from under

(submerge, sustain, suppose, suffer, hypocrite, hypothermia)

(L) se- or (G) para- = aside; apart (seclude, segregation, secession, paraprofessional, parody, paragraph)

(L) ad- = to; toward; add to (advertise, advent/Advent, admire, admonish, accredited, assimilate)

(G) epi- = upon; to; in addition to (epidemic, epidermis, epi-pen, epithet, epitaph)

(L) dis-, di-, dif- = apart; in different directions; not (disrespect; disperse; divert; differ)

(G) a-, an- = not; without (asymmetrical, anarchy)

(G) eu- = good; well (Eucharist, euphoria, eulogy, euphemism, eureka)

dys- = bad; improper (dystopia, dysfunctional, dysentery)

(L) re- = again; back (redo, repeat, repeal, repose)

(G) tele- = distance (telephone, telegram, telegraph, telepathy, telekinesis)

**Latin Suffixes**

-tion, -sion, -xion, -cion (nouns—motion, confusion, complexion, suspicion)

-ose, -ous, -eous, -ious = full of (adjectives—bellicose, luminous, numerous, laborious)

-(l)et, -(i)cle, -(ic)ule, -el, -il, -le = small (usually nouns—pellet, icicle, molecule, morsel, scribble)

-ant, -ent = having the quality of (parallel adjectives—vigilant, patient, resident)

-ence, -ency, -ance, -ancy/-ency = state or quality of (parallel nouns—vigilance, patience, residency)

**6th Grade Roots**

(L) mit, miss = send (emit, submit, mitigate, missile, emission, missionary)

(L) cred, credit = believe (credence, creed, credit, accreditation)

(L) ven, vent = come (advent/Advent, adventure, venture, intervene, covenant)

(L) serv, servat = save; keep; serve (servant, servile, reserve, conservation)

(L) pel, puls, peal = drive; push (expel, pulse, pulsating, appeal, repeal)

(L) vert, vers = turn; change (revert, advertisement, vertical, reverse, adverse)

(L) ten, tin, tent, tain = hold (maintenance, tenant, tenure, continue, maintain, container)

(L) fac, fic, fact, fect = do; make (faction, facile, deficient, perfect, confection)

(L) pend, pens = weigh; hang; pay (pendant, pendulum, pending, suspend, suspense)

(L) sent, sens = think; feel (consent, resent, sense, sensation)

(L) viv, vit or (G) bio = live; life (vivacity, vivacious, vital, vitality, biology, biography, biosphere)

(L) nat, natur or (G) gen, gener = be born; give birth; produce (native, nation, nature, natural, generate,

generation)

(L) human or (G) anthrop(o) = human being; human kind (humanitarian, humane, anthropology)

(L) fort, forc or (G) dynam = power; strength; strong (effort, fortress, force, dynamic, dynamite)

(L) am(a), amat or (G) phil(o) = love, friend

(amorous, amiable, amigo, Philadelphia, philanthropy, Philip, Phyllis)

(G) graph = write; record (telegraph, graphite, graphic)

**7th Grade Roots**

(L) bon, bene = good; well (pro bono, bon…, benefit, benefactor, beneficiary)

mal(e) = bad; wrong (malicious, malnutrition, malignant)

(L) matr(i), matern = mother (matriarch, maternal, matrimony, maternity, matronly, material)

patr(i), patern = father (patriarch, paternal, patriot, patronize)

(L) labor = work (laborious, laboratory, collaborate, elaborate)

(L) lud, lus = play; trick (interlude, prelude, allude, elude, elusion, elusive, delusion)

(L) bell = war (antebellum, rebellion, belligerent)

pac = peace (pacify, Pacific, *Dona nobis pacem* : “Grant us peace”)

plac = calm, peace (placate, placid)

(L) luc, lumin or (G) photo = light

(lucid, luminous, illuminate, lumens, photosynthesis, photography)

(L) spec, spic, spect or (G) scop = look (respect, spectator, conspicuous, horoscope)

(L) vis, vid = see (vision, visor, video)

(L) audi, audit = hear; listen (auditorium, audition, audible)

loqu, locut, = speak; talk (eloquent, elocution, soliloquy)

(L) voc or (G) phon = sound, voice, call (telephone, phonics, phonetic, symphony, polyphony)

(L) tang, ting, tig, tact, = touch (tangible, tingle, contiguous, tactile)

(L) fund, found, fus = pour; melt (fundamental, foundry, confound, confusion, refuse)

(L) cid, cis = cut; kill (homicide, incision, incisors)

(L) sec, sect or (G) tom = cut, slice (section, sect, secede, atom, anatomy)

(L) tend, tens, tenu = stretch; thin (tendon, tension, tenuous, extenuating)

(L) clud, clus, clos = close; shut (conclude, conclusion, closet)

(L) pati, pass or (G) path = suffer(ing) (patient, passion, pathology, pathetic, empathy, apathy)

(L) dei, divin or (G) the(o) = god (deity, *Angus Dei*, divine, divination, theology)

**8th Grade Roots**

(L) tract, trac, treat = pull; draw (tractor, retract, protractor, attract, retreat)

(L) trud, trus, = push; thrust (intrude, intrusion)

(L) past, pastor = shepherd (pasture, pastoral, pastor)

(L) greg = flock; herd (gregarious, congregation, congregate, segregate, aggregate)

(L) solv, solute = free; loosen (solve, dissolve, solvent, solution)

(L) strict, strain = tie; bind; squeeze (restrain, constrict)

(L) ver = true (verify, verdict, very, veracious)

(L) fall, fals, fail, fault = false; mistake; fail (fallacy, in fallible, falsify, failure, faulty )

(L) omni or (G) pan(t) = all; every (omniscient, omnipresent, pantheon/Pantheon, pandemic)

(L) nov or (G) neo = new (novice, novel, neophyte, neoclassical)

(L) cumb, cub or (G) clin = lean; lie (succumb, incubate, clinic, clinician, incline)

(L) ced, ceed, cess (gress) = go; move; yield (secede, succeed, success, progress)

(L) volv, volu, volute = roll; turn (revolve, revolution, volunteer)

(L) cap, capt, cept, ceive = take; seize; get (capsize, capture, intercept, receive)

(L) fer, lat = to bear; to bring to (offer, suffer, elated, collate)