

A **morpheme** is the smallest units of words that contain meaning, such as, the 'root' word 'child' and the affix 'ish', which in combination make a new word 'childish'.

Etymology is the study of the origins and the history of words. The etymology of 'phonics' is for example, from the Greek 'phone' meaning 'voice'. It was originally used in the 17th century to mean the science of sound but has come to mean an approach to teaching reading.

Words with Greek Roots



Bio - life

Bibliography

Probiotic

Biodegradable

Autobiography

Antibiotic

Phon - sound

Telephone

Phonics

Homophone

Symphony

Path - feeling

Empathy

Sympathy

Pathetic

Sympathetic

Meter - measure

Metric

Thermometer

Symmetry

Speedometer

Chron - time

Chronology

Synchronise

Chronicle

Cyc - circular

Circumference

Bicycle

Recycle

Cyclist

Tele - far away

Television

Telescope

Telegraph

Penta - five

Pentagon

Pentagonal

Pentameter

Words with Latin Words



Audi - hear

Auditory
Auditorium
Audible
Audience
Audiology

Dict - say

Dictate
Dictator
Dictionary
Dictation
Predict

Ject - throw

Eject
Projection
Interject
Rejection

Mob - move

Mobile

Automobile

Immobile

Demobilise

Port - carry

Porter

Transport

Reporter

Transporter

Rupt - burst

Erupt

Interrupt

Rupture

Disrupt

Script - write

Transcribe

Describe

Prescribe

Prescription

Sect - cut

Dissect

Sections

Subsection

Circum - around

Circumference

Circumnavigate

Circumstances

Flex - bend

Flexible

Reflex

Circumflex

Frac - break

Fracture

Fragile

Fractured

Mem - remember

Memory

Memorial

Memoir

Memorise

Terr - earth

Territory

Terrace

Terrestrial

Vac - empty

Evacuate

Vacancy

Vacate

Vis - see

Vision

Invisible

Visualise

Television

Mit - send

Submit

Transmit

Admit

Commit

Struct - build

Construct

Structure

Instruct

Destructive

Aqua - water

Aquamarine

Aquatic

Aquaplane

Octo - eight

Octopus

Octagon

Octagonal

Bi - two

Bicycle

Biceps

Bilingual

Tri - three

Tricycle

Tripod

Trilogy

Triangle