

Academic Word Roots

8th Grade

Thirty roots that carry academic and test vocabulary, with examples.

One root unlocks a dozen words. Learn the root, then collect the family.

ambi / amphi ambiguous, amphibian	both	magn magnify, magnitude	great
anthrop anthropology	human	mal malfunction, malice	bad
bene benefit, benevolent	good, well	mort mortal, mortality	death
cede / cess precede, recession	go, yield	nov novel, innovate	new
chrom monochrome	colour	omni omnivore, omnipotent	all
cogn recognise, cognitive	know	path empathy, pathology	feeling, disease
contra contradict, contrast	against	phil philosophy	love
corp corporation, corpse	body	pon / pos component, deposit	place, put
demo democracy, demographic	people	scope microscope	look at
equi equator, equilibrium	equal	sens / sent sensory, sentiment	feel
fid confide, fidelity	faith, trust	sol solitude, solar	alone, sun
gen generate, genetics	birth, kind	tang / tact tangible, contact	touch
hydr hydrate, dehydration	water	temp temporary, tempo	time
log / logue dialogue, biology	word, study	ver verify, verdict	truth
luc / lum lucid, illuminate	light	vit / viv vital, revive	life

ON A TEST

Split the unknown word, translate each part, then check it against the sentence.