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## ROOT WORDS FROM FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND THEIR USE IN ENGLISH

1. **Academy**
  - : A place of study
  - Greek root : academy : the garden near Athens in which Plato taught.
  - Words in English : academic, academical, academician, etc.
2. **Accept**
  - : Consent to receive or answer affirmatively.
  - Latin root : **acceptore**. Words in English : acceptance, acceptable, acceptance.
3. **Alcohol**
  - : Pure spirit of wine
  - Arabic root : al + Kohl
  - Words in English : alcoholic, alcoholism.
4. **Algebra**
  - : Investigation of properties of number and quantities by means of symbols.
  - Arabic root : aljibr, i.e., units; broken parts.
  - Words in English : algebraically, algebraical.
5. **Allergy**
  - : Changed reactivity in body
  - Greek root : allergie, i.e., after energy
  - English words : allergic : unhelpful, hostile.
6. **Bania**
  - : Hindu trader or Indian broker in East India Company or clearing houses.
  - English words : Bank, banker, bankrupt, etc.
7. **Camp**
  - : Place where troops are lodged in tents.
  - French roots : camps from Latin Campes : level ground.
  - English words : Companign, camp-follow / i.e., fellow traveller in politics etc.); religious camp-meeting in America in open air lasting several days.
8. **Civil**
  - : People living together.
  - Latin root : Civis : citizen
  - English words : Civilian, Civilization, Civilize



9. **Compute** : reckon on number or amount  
Latin root : Computare : to reckon  
English words : computer, computation.
10. **Connect** : join two things, make coherent argument  
Latin root : Conectere : bind together  
English words : connection, connected, connective.
11. **Delegate** : depute, send as representative  
Latin root : delogue : depute  
English words : delegate (noun) : elected representative; (verb transitive)  
delegate : to depute; delegation : representation to an authority.
12. **Demonstrate** : capable of being shown or logically proved.  
Latin root : demonstrabilis : capable of being shown  
English words : demonstration, demonstrator, demonstrative.
13. **Design** : preliminary sketch, plan to be executed  
French root : dessign : purpose  
English words : designer, designate, designation, designing
14. **Dignity** : excellence, true worth  
Latin root : dignus : worthy  
English words : dignify, dignitary.
15. **Direct** : straight, not roundabout  
Latin root : Directus : put straight  
English words : direction, directly, director, directory.
16. **Dollar** : name of the US coin.  
Spanish root word : Thaler  
English words : dollar diplomacy, the almighty dollar.
17. **Duty** : behaviour due to superior  
French root word : due : a person's right  
English words : dutiful, dutiable.
18. **Effort** : to exact, to display  
Latin root word : fortis : strong  
English words : effortless
19. **Elevate** : lift up, hold up  
Latin root word : elevare : to lift  
English words : elevation, elevator
20. **Evolve** : unfold, open out  
Latin root word : evolvere volut : to roll up  
English words : evolution opposite to revolution; theory of evolution  
embryo is not created by fecundation, but developed from a pre-existing  
form.



Root words

- 21. **Expend** : spend money, care, time  
Latin root : expensa : to spend  
English words : expense, expenditure, expensive.
- 22. **Fiction** : imagined or invented statement  
French root word : fictionem : conventionally accepted falsehood, i.e., novel, romance, etc.  
English words : fiction, fictitious.
- 23. **Frequent** : numerous, abundant  
Latin root word : frequentia : abound at.  
English words : frequency, frequent
- 24. **Function** : activity proper to anything  
Latin root word : fungi or funct : to perform  
English words : functional, functionary.
- 25. **Gaol or Jail** : official detention under law.  
Latin root word : Cavea : cage  
Indian words : Jail, Jailer
- 26. **Gas** : any airy form  
Greek root : Khaos  
English words : Chaos, gas, gasoline.
- 27. **Generate** : to bring into existence  
Latin root word : generare : to beget  
English words : generation, generator, generic
- 28. **Globe** : spherical body, earth  
Latin root word : globua : spherical chart or module of sun, moon, etc; but earth was then considered flat.  
English words : global, globular.
- 29. **Govern** : rule with authority  
Greek root word : kuber nao : to steer a boat.  
Latin : gubernare : to steer, to govern.  
English words : governance, government, governor.
- 30. **Hero** : a man of superhuman qualities  
Greek root word : heros : illustrious warriors, demigod.  
English words : heroic, heroic verse or poetry, hero-worship.
- 31. **Holy** : sacred, morally and spiritually perfect  
German root word : heilog : sacred, Holy Bible.  
English words : holiday, holy ghost, Holy Alliance (political alliance between Russia, Persia and Austria in 1815-16).
- 32. **Human** : belonging to human / human nature.  
Latin root word : homo; man  
English words : humane, humanism, humanity, humanitarian.



33. **Image** : imitation of the external form of an object.  
Latin root word : imaginant : portray, reflect.  
English words : imagination, imaginary, imagery.
34. **Impress** : apply with pressure, imprint  
Latin root words : im + premiere : press strongly.  
English words : impression, impressive.
35. **Incident** : subordinate event of a main action  
Latin root word : incidere : apt to occur  
English words : incidence, incidental.
36. **Individual** : single, particular  
French root word : in + dividere : that which cannot be divided, a living being.  
English words : individuality, individualism, indivisible.
37. **Intellect** : faculty of knowledge, reasoning  
Latin root word : intellectus : good understanding  
English word : Intellectual
38. **Intuition** : immediate insight  
Latin root word : intuitio : immediate insight  
English words : Intuitionism, Intuitive
39. **Iron** : a type of metal  
Latin root word : eisern : a type of metal  
English words : irony, iron-curtain, iron-age.
40. **Journal** : daily newspaper, periodical  
Latin root word : diurnalis : diurnal  
English words : journalist, journalism
41. **Just** : equitable, fair  
Latin root word : Justus : right  
English words : justice, judiciary, justiciable, judge, justify, adjudicate
42. **Labour** : physical exertion  
Middle English : labor : work hard  
English words : laborious, labourer, labour party, labourite.
43. **Law** : enacted rules  
Old English : logu : something laid down.  
English words : lawful, lawless, lawyer.
44. **Liberal** : free for general or open minded.  
Latin root word : liber : freemen  
English words : liberate, liberalism, liberates, libertarian
45. **Local** : belonging to a particular place  
Latin root word : locus : place  
English words : locate, locality, local worker



46. **Lyre** : a musical instrument  
 Greek root word : lura  
 English words : lyric, lyrical, lyricism.
47. **Machine** : a mechanical apparatus  
 Greek root word : mekhane : a contrivance  
 English words : machinery, mechanistic, mechanical.
48. **Manage** : to handle, to wield a tool.  
 Latin root word : maindiare : to do by hand.  
 English words : manager, management.
49. **Memoir** : record of events.  
 Old French : memoir : written from personal knowledge  
 English words : memorable, memorandum, memorial, memorize
50. **Metropolis** : chief city or capital of a country  
 Greek root : metropolis : parent state as Athens.  
 English words : metropolitan, metro.
51. **Mode** : manner in which a thing is to be done  
 Latin root word : modus : measure, manner  
 English words : model, mode
52. **Moderate** : avoiding extremes, middle path  
 Latin root word : moderare : in a manner  
 English words : moderation, moderator
53. **Nature** : essential qualities, innate character  
 Latin root word : : natur ; born with qualities  
 English words : natural, naturally, naturalism, naturalist.
54. **Noble** : prominent by rank, character  
 Latin root word : nobilis, deserves to be known  
 English words : nobility, noble, nobel prize
55. **Nutrient** : providing nourishment  
 Latin root word : nutrementum : providing nourishment  
 English words : Nutrition, Nutritious, Nutritive
56. **Object** : Material thing  
 Latin root word : objectum : thing presented  
 English words : objective, objectivity, objection, objectify
57. **Office** : position with duties attached to it.  
 Latin root word : officium : do service (religious or to public, king)  
 English words : officer, official, officiate.
58. **Order** : rank, status, mandate  
 Middle English : ordre : command of troops  
 English words : ordeal, orderly



59. **Parade** : display, assemble for some purpose  
Spanish root word : parada : call troops for inspection  
English words : parade (n), paradigm.
60. **Parliament** : supreme legislature  
Old French : parlement : speaking in common  
English words : parliamentary, parliamentarian.
61. **Pen** : instrument for writing  
Latin root word : penna : feather  
English words : pencil, pen-holder, pen-name, penmanship, penman.
62. **Perfect** : complete, not deficient  
Middle English root word : Parfait : complete  
English words : perfection, perfectionist.
63. **Picture** : painting, drawing, portrait  
Latin root word : pictura : to paint  
English words : pictorial, picturesque.
64. **Please** : be agreeable  
Old French root word : plaisir : pleasant  
English words : pleasant, pleasure, pleasantry.
65. **Power** : ability to do an act  
Latin root word : posse : be able  
English words : powerful, powerless, empower
66. **Prepare** : to make person, thin, needy  
Latin root word : parare : make ready  
English words : preparation, preparatory, prepay.
67. **Problem** : difficult question  
Greek root word : problema : doubtful  
English words : problematic, problematist.
68. **Propose** : put forward for consideration  
Latin root word : propositio : assertion  
English words : proposal, proposition.
69. **Quality** : degree of excellence  
Old French root word : qualite : faculty, skill.  
English words : qualification, qualify.
70. **Quote** : appeal to or cite an authority to prove ones point.  
Latin root word : quotatio : appeal to an authority (especially The Bible or scripture) to support one's position in a court of law.  
English words : quotation, quota.
71. **Read** : reproduce mentally aloud.  
Old English root word : raedan : consider  
English words : reader, readable.



72. **Reason** : argument, justification  
 Latin root word : rationem : consider  
 English words : reasonable, rational.
73. **Satire** : a form of literature in verse or prose to ridicule an individual or society.  
 Root of word : Ustra (Persian). Hindi Ustra; razor for shaving.  
 Latin satura : to expose vices or folly in a sarcastic and delightful manner.  
 English words : satirical, satirist, satirize.
74. **Sceptic** : unconvinced of truth of a particular fact on theory  
 Greek root word : skeptikoz : unconvinced of truth of a particular theory  
 English words : sceptical.
75. **Secret** : to keep private, not to expose to public.  
 Root of the word : Middle English : secretus : concealment  
 English words : secrecy, secretary, secretariat, secretion, secretive.
76. **Sensation** : consciousness of feeling in body.  
 Latin root word : sensatio : senses  
 English words : sense, sensibility, sensible, sensitive.
77. **Stride** : take obstacle in one's path on life and clear it, then take another step with confidence.  
 Root word, old High German : straiten : strise confidently  
 English words : strident
78. **Study** : devote time and energy to acquire knowledge  
 Root the word : Middle English **Stadia** to learn with zeal.  
 English words : student, studious, studio.
79. **Sugar** : Kind of a sweet substance  
 Root word : Hindi : shakkar : cane juice  
 English words : sugar-beet, sugary.
80. **System** : set of connected or organized parts.  
 Greek root word : sustema : set of hypotheses or principles of procedure.  
 English words : systematic, systemic, systematization.
81. **Teach** : give a lesson at school, to instruct  
 Root word. Old High German : tarik jam : to instruct  
 English words : teacher, teaching, teachable.
82. **Thank** : expression of gratitude  
 Root word : Old English : thankon : to thank  
 English words : thankful, thankless, thanksgiving.
83. **Tone** : quality of sound  
 Greek root word : tonos : tone  
 English words : tonal, tonality.



84. **Total** : complete, whole  
 Latin root word : totalis : entire  
 English words : totality, totalitarian, totalize.
85. **Tribe** : class  
 Latin root word : Tribus : tribe  
 English words : Tribal, tribalism
86. **Vocal** : uttered by voice  
 Latin root word : vocalis : voice  
 English words : vocalist, vocalize, vocative case in grammar
87. **Wit** : intelligence, understanding of oxymorons  
 Old English root word : wit : unexpected combining of different ideas  
 English words : witty, witless, witticism.
88. **Reform** : make a person or institution better by removing faults or errors.  
 Latin root word : reformare : abolish malpractices.  
 English words : reformation, reformer, reformative.
89. **Repent** : feel regret  
 Latin root word : repentir : regretful  
 English words : repentance, repentant, penitent.
90. **Retire** : withdraw, go away  
 French root word : retirir : draw back  
 English words : retirement
91. **Rule** : principle to which action or procedure conforms  
 Latin root word : Regula : rule  
 English words : ruler, regular, regulation, regulate.
92. **Sample** : specimen  
 Old French root word : example : en sample  
 English words : sampler, example
93. **Satisfy** : comply with demand  
 Latin root word : satisfactorius : satisfy  
 English words : satisfactory, satisfaction.