

The Word Within the Word • List #19

ven	<i>(come)</i>	convene, convention, avenue, circumvent, advent, prevent, subvention	<i>Latin</i>
ichthy	<i>(fish)</i>	ichthyosaur, ichthyologist, ichthyoid, ichthyosis	<i>Greek</i>
pulse	<i>(drive)</i>	impulse, repulse, pulsate, impulsive	<i>Latin</i>
calor	<i>(heat)</i>	calorie, calorimeter, calorific, caloric	<i>Latin</i>
sol	<i>(sun)</i>	solar, solstice, solarium, solarize, solar plexus	<i>Latin</i>
strat	<i>(layer)</i>	stratigraphy, stratosphere, cirrostratus, strata, substratum, stratified	<i>Latin</i>
nuc	<i>(center)</i>	nucleus, nucleate, nuclide, nucleon, nucleotide, nucleoplasm	<i>Latin</i>
sat	<i>(enough)</i>	satisfy, dissatisfaction, saturate, insatiable, sate	<i>Latin</i>
protero	<i>(early)</i>	Proterozoic, proterandrous, proteranthous	<i>Greek</i>
mont	<i>(mountain)</i>	piedmont, Montana, Montevideo, montane, cismontane	<i>Latin</i>
kilo	<i>(thousand)</i>	kilometer, kiloton, kilowatt, kilogram	<i>Greek</i>
myria	<i>(many)</i>	myriad, myriapod, myriameter, myriarch, myriophyllum	<i>Greek</i>
tachy	<i>(quick)</i>	tachometer, tachycardia, tachylyte, tachygraphy	<i>Greek</i>
fiss	<i>(split)</i>	fissile, fission, fissipalmate, fissiped, fissure	<i>Latin</i>
cumu	<i>(heaped)</i>	accumulate, cumulus, cumulonimbus, cumulative	<i>Latin</i>
meteor	<i>(high)</i>	meteorite, meteoric, meteorograph, meteorology	<i>Greek</i>
hibern	<i>(winter)</i>	hibernate, hibernal, hibernaculum	<i>Latin</i>
di	<i>(two)</i>	diverge, dicotyledon, diencephalon, dilemma, catadioptric	<i>Greek</i>
bath	<i>(deep)</i>	bathymetry, bathyscaph, bathysphere, bathos, batholith	<i>Greek</i>
cirr	<i>(hair)</i>	cirrus, cirrostratus, cirriped, cirrocumulus	<i>Greek</i>
grav	<i>(heavy)</i>	gravity, gravid, gravimetric, gravamen, aggravate	<i>Latin</i>
solv	<i>(loosen)</i>	resolve, dissolve, absolve, solvent, insolvency	<i>Latin</i>
ophthal	<i>(eye)</i>	ophthalmologist, ophthalmoscope, ophthalmic, exophthalmic	<i>Greek</i>
oma	<i>(tumor)</i>	melanoma, carcinoma, hematoma, glaucoma	<i>Greek</i>
rub	<i>(red)</i>	rubric, rubious, rubicund, ruby, rubescent, rubella	<i>Latin</i>

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mela	<i>(black)</i>	melanin, melanite, melancholy, Melanesia, melanoma, melanocyte	<i>Greek</i>
vice	<i>(in place of)</i>	vice versa, vice president, vice consul, viceroy, vice-regent	<i>Latin</i>
foli	<i>(leaf)</i>	folio, foliolate, bifoliolate, foliation, defoliate, portfolio, folium	<i>Latin</i>
atom	<i>(vapor or particle)</i>	atomic, atomizer, atomize, atomism, subatomic, diatomic	<i>Greek</i>
orb	<i>(circle)</i>	orbit, exorbitant, orbital, orbicular, orbital decay, supraorbital	<i>Latin</i>
multi	<i>(many)</i>	multifarious, multitudinous, multilateral, multiped, multiply	<i>Latin</i>
ign	<i>(fire)</i>	ignite, igneous, ignis fatuus, ignition, reignite, ignescent, ignitron	<i>Latin</i>
moll	<i>(soft)</i>	mollify, emollient, mollusk, mollescent	<i>Latin</i>
lin	<i>(line)</i>	linear, delineate, lineation, lineal, rectilinear, lineage	<i>Latin</i>
hemi	<i>(half)</i>	hemisphere, hemialgia, hemiplegia, hemipterous, hemicrania	<i>Greek</i>
oo	<i>(egg)</i>	oophyte, oocyte, oology, oogenesis, oogonium, oophorectomy, oospore	<i>Greek</i>
grade	<i>(step)</i>	gradual, grading, retrograde, downgrade, gradualism, degrading	<i>Latin</i>
pneumo	<i>(lung or air)</i>	pneumogastric, pneumonia, pneumonectomy, pneumobacillus	<i>Greek</i>
radi	<i>(ray)</i>	radiation, radian, radial, radiolarian, radiance, irradiate	<i>Latin</i>
oscu	<i>(mouth)</i>	osculum, osculation, osculant, osculate	<i>Latin</i>
ob	<i>(against)</i>	obloquy, objurgation, obdurate, obsequious, oblique, obsolete, obstinate	<i>Latin</i>
vect	<i>(carry)</i>	convection, vector, invective, vectorial	<i>Latin</i>
digit	<i>(finger)</i>	prestdigitation, digital, digitation	<i>Latin</i>
gymno	<i>(naked)</i>	gymnasium, gymnastics, gymnosperm, gymnosophist	<i>Greek</i>
plasm	<i>(form)</i>	cytoplasm, endoplasm, ectoplasm, plasma, plasmodium	<i>Greek</i>
narco	<i>(sleep)</i>	narcotic, narcolepsy, narcotine, narcotism	<i>Greek</i>
vermi	<i>(worm)</i>	vermin, vermicelli, vermicide, vermivorous	<i>Latin</i>
lign	<i>(wood)</i>	lignite, lignify, ligneous, lignocellulose	<i>Latin</i>
dendr	<i>(tree)</i>	dendrology, dendroid, dendrochronology, dendrite, rhododendron	<i>Greek</i>
lachry	<i>(tear)</i>	lachrymose, lachrymatory, lachrymal	<i>Latin</i>

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equivocate	<i>(to hedge)</i>	The equivocating politician praised both groups.
superfluous	<i>(unnecessary)</i>	A superfluous comment is a waste of time.
bilateral	<i>(two-sided)</i>	The two nations formed a bilateral agreement.
unilateral	<i>(one-sided)</i>	The U.S. made a unilateral withdrawal.
circumspect	<i>(cautious)</i>	A circumspect reply is safer.
commensurate	<i>(of like measure)</i>	A big job needs a commensurate reward.
malevolence	<i>(evil intent)</i>	The creature cast a malevolent glare.
neophyte	<i>(beginner)</i>	She is a neophyte in the art world.
misanthropist	<i>(people-hater)</i>	The grouchy misanthropist wouldn't contribute.
bellicose	<i>(warlike)</i>	The bellicose tribe attacked without warning.
anthropomorphic	<i>(man-shaped)</i>	They believe in an anthropomorphic god.
captious	<i>(fault-finding)</i>	The captious remarks were not sincere.
neologism	<i>(new word)</i>	Create a neologism, like <i>televoracious</i> .
malediction	<i>(a curse)</i>	The convict's muttered malediction was inaudible.
incredulous	<i>(not believing)</i>	Her incredulous expression showed her feelings.
omniscient	<i>(all-knowing)</i>	You can't keep secrets from an omniscient god.
monomania	<i>(obsession with one thing)</i>	It was a hobby that became a monomania.
specious	<i>(false)</i>	You have a convincing but unfortunately specious argument.
excoriate	<i>(verbally flog)</i>	His speech excoriated the opponent.
prototype	<i>(first model)</i>	We saw an early prototype of the Mustang.
xenophobia	<i>(fear of foreigners)</i>	It is a hostile, xenophobic country.
benediction	<i>(blessing)</i>	The Pope's smiling benediction was televised.
amorphous	<i>(shapeless)</i>	A gray, amorphous mass was in the corner.
preponderance	<i>(bulk)</i>	The preponderance of the evidence indicates guilt.
magnanimous	<i>(great-minded)</i>	His magnanimous victory speech showed generosity.