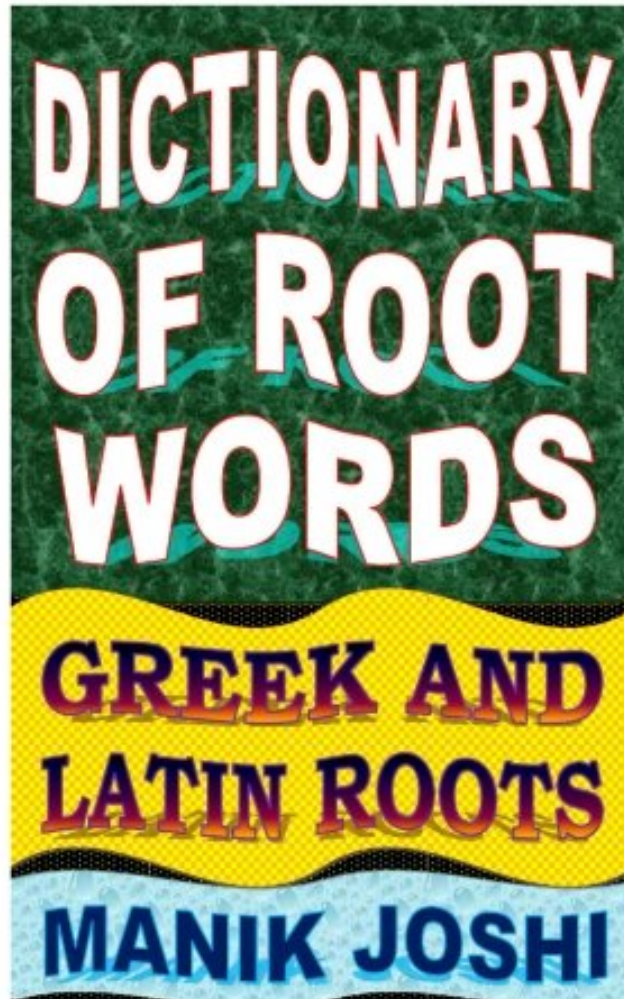


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What are "Root Words"? A root, or root word is a word which is used to form another word. It is also called a base word. A root does not have a prefix (A letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a word) or a suffix (A letter or group of letters added to the end of a word). Root is the primary lexical unit of a word, and of a word family. For example, pure is a root. By adding prefixes and suffixes, the following words could be made: impure, purity, pureness. Similarly, play and move are root words. By adding prefixes and suffixes, the following words could be made: plays, played, playing, player, moving, movement, moved, movable, mover, movingly. In this book, I have given most common Greek and Latin roots which are used in English language. Sample This: Root Words --

AAB/ABS Origin: Latin | Meaning: away, from, off | Examples: abate -- to decline or subside | related word: abatement | subject -- hopeless | abjure -- to disown or renounce | abnormal -- unusual | related words: abnormally, abnormality | abroad -- out of the country | abscess -- swelling | abscond -- to run away | related word: absconder | abseil -- to go down a steep cliff | absence -- nonattendance | related words: absent, absentee, absenteeism | absolve -- to forgive | absorb -- to soak up | related words: absorbance, absorbed, absorbency, absorbent, absorbing, absorption | abstemious -- self-disciplined | abstinent -- not having something for moral reason | abstinence | abstract -- not real; theoretical | related words: abstracted, abstractedly

*******AMB** Origin: Latin | Meaning: both; around/surrounding | Examples: ambidexterity -- ability to use both the left and right hand equally well | related word: ambidextrous | ambiguous -- double meaning; uncertain | related words: ambiguity, ambiguously, unambiguous | ambivalent -- showing both good and bad feelings | related words: ambivalence, ambivalently | ambiance -- the atmosphere of a place | related word: ambient

*******ANIM** Origin: Latin | Meaning: breath; life; soul | Examples: animal -- a living creature | animate -- having life; to make something full of liveliness | related words: animated, animatedly, animation, animato, animator, inanimate | animism -- the belief that natural objects have a living soul | related words: animist, animistic | animosity -- strong feeling of opposition | equanimity -- calm state of mind | pusillanimous -- lack of courage | unanimous -- agreeing with others | related word: unanimously

*******AQUA/AQUE** Origin: Latin | Meaning: water | Examples: aquaculture -- the act of growing of plants in water for food | aqualung -- a device for breathing for divers | aquamarine -- a pale greenish-blue stone or color | aquaplane -- an equipment used in a boat | aquarium -- a container to keep fish and water plants | aquarobics -- physical exercises that are done in water | aquatic -- growing near water or relating to water | aquifer -- a layer of soil or rock that absorbs and holds water

*******AUD** Origin: Latin | Meaning: hearing | Examples: audible -- capable of being heard | related words: audibly, audibility | audience -- crowd of listeners | audition -- a short performance given by an actor, a singer, etc, that makes people to judge his/her talent | auditorium -- a building for public meetings, etc. | auditory -- connected with hearing

*******Other Root Words --**

A Root Word [Origin] -- Meaning | **abr** [Greek] -- delicate | **aca** [Greek] -- a point; | **acar** [Greek] -- tiny | **acer** [Latin] -- sharp | **acerv** [Latin] -- pile | **achly** [Greek] -- darkness; gloom | **achth** [Greek] -- burden | **acri** [Greek] -- a point; | **barbacin** [Latin] -- berry | **acrib** [Greek] -- sharp | **aden** [Greek] -- gland | **adol** [Greek] -- genuine | **adr** [Greek] -- thick | **adran** [Greek] -- weak | **adras** [Latin] -- scraped | **aechm** [Greek] -- spear | **aecci** [Greek] -- injury | **aeagi** [Latin] -- shield | **aeagr** [Latin] -- sick | **aeano** [Greek] -- terrible | **aeap** [Greek] -- tall | **aequa** [Latin] -- equal | **alaga** [Greek] -- very | **agan** [Greek] -- gentle | **agel** [Greek] -- herd | **dager** [Latin] -- afie | **daist** [Greek] -- unseen | **alao** [Greek] -- blind | **alcim** [Greek] -- strong | **aleo** [Greek] -- warm

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