

# Vocabulary Builders: Word Roots

Knowing Latin roots can boost vocabulary in a big way. That's because learning each one helps children figure out the meanings of the many words that contain the root. Share this list of common roots along with words they appear in.



Latin root **clar**  
 Meaning of root *clear*  
 Words you may know *clarinet, declare*  
 New words to learn *clarion, clarify, clarity*



Latin root **cred**  
 Meaning of root *believe*  
 Words you may know *credit, incredible*  
 New words to learn *creditable, discredit, credulous, credentials, credo, creed*

Latin root **fid**  
 Meaning of root *trust*  
 Words you may know *confidential, confident*  
 New words to learn *fidelity, perfidy, confidant, diffident, bona fide*

Latin root **fort**  
 Meaning of root *strength*  
 Words you may know *fort, effort*  
 New words to learn *fortitude, forte, fortify, fortress*

Latin root **frag, fract**  
 Meaning of root *break*  
 Words you may know *fragile, fraction*  
 New words to learn *fractious, infraction, fragmented*

Latin root **mand**  
 Meaning of root *to order*  
 Words you may know *demand, command*  
 New words to learn *countermand, remand, mandate, mandatory*

Latin root **port**  
 Meaning of root *to carry*  
 Words you may know *transportation, support, portable, import, export*  
 New words to learn *portfolio*



Latin root **rupt**  
 Meaning of root *break, burst*  
 Words you may know *disrupt, interrupt, corrupt, erupt*  
 New words to learn *rupture, abrupt, incorruptible*

Latin root **sequ, segu**  
 Meaning of root *follow*  
 Words you may know *sequence, consequence, sequel*  
 New words to learn *subsequently, consequently, obsequious, segue*

Latin root **sid, sed**  
 Meaning of root *sit*  
 Words you may know *reside, residence, preside, president*  
 New words to learn *residual, residue, sedentary, sediment, assiduous, subside, subsidiary*

Latin root **scrib, scrip**  
 Meaning of root *write*  
 Words you may know *describe, description, scribble, script*  
 New words to learn *inscribe, inscription, scribe, transcribe, transcript*



Latin root **string, stric**  
 Meaning of root *bind, draw tightly*  
 Words you may know *strict, restrict*  
 New words to learn *astrigent, constrict, stringent, strictures*

Latin root **ten, tain**  
 Meaning of root *hold*  
 Words you may know *retain, detention, tenant*  
 New words to learn *tenacity, retention, tenet*

Latin root **tract**  
 Meaning of root *pull, draw, drag*  
 Words you may know *tractor, distract*  
 New words to learn *intractable, traction, extract, detract*

Latin root **vert, vers**  
 Meaning of root *turn*  
 Words you may know *vertical, reverse*  
 New words to learn *revert, subvert, reversion, introvert*