

## It's Greek to Me Study List

### **Greek roots:**

A-, An- means without in Greek  
Aero- means air, mist or wind in Greek  
An- means without or absence of in Greek  
Andro- means man or male in Greek  
Ant-, Anti- means opposite in Greek  
Anthrop- means human in Greek  
Auto- means self or same in Greek  
Bio- means life or living in Greek  
-Chron- means time in Greek  
Crit- to judge or a decision in Greek  
Cryo- means freezing cold in Greek  
Crypt- means hidden or secret in Greek  
Demo- means people in Greek  
Dogm- means belief or opinion in Greek  
Dys- means abnormal, difficult, or bad in Greek  
Eco- means home, resources, or environment in Greek  
Geo- means Earth in Greek  
Gero-, Geri- means old age or old people in Greek  
Gram- means written word in Greek  
Graph- to write, record, or draw in Greek  
Gymn- means bare or uncovered in Greek  
Hetero- means other or different in Greek.  
Horo- means hour, time, or season in Greek  
Hyper- means excessive in Greek  
Logos- means reason in Greek  
-Mania- means mental disorder in Greek  
Meteoro- means high up in the air in Greek  
Metro- means mother in Greek  
Micro- means small in Greek  
Mis- means hatred of or disgust of in Greek  
Mono- means one, single, or alone in Greek  
Mythic- means imaginary story in Greek  
Narco- means numbness or sleep in Greek  
-Nosis means disease or sickness in Greek  
-Onym or –Onymous means name or word in Greek  
Organ- means body part, instrument, or tool in Greek  
Pan- means all, every, or entire in Greek  
Path- or –Pathy means feeling or sensation in Greek  
Pedi- means child in Greek  
Philo-, -Phil means have a strong love for in Greek  
-Phobia means fear in Greek  
Phon- or – Phony means sound in Greek  
Photo- means light in Greek

Poly- means many in Greek  
Sauro- or –Saur means reptile in Greek  
Techno- means art or skill in Greek  
Tele- means far off in Greek  
Theo- or -theism means god in Greek  
Thermo- means heat in Greek

## Word List

Aerial = Reaching high into the air  
Aerodynamics = the study of the motions of the air  
Aeronaut = A pilot of an aircraft  
Aeronautics = the design of aircraft  
Aerosol = something in a mist form  
Aerospace = Pertaining to the study of the earth's atmosphere and space  
Amoral = without morals  
Anachronism = Something out of its proper time  
Anarchy = Absence of a leader  
Androgynous = not quite male or female  
Android = A human-like robot  
Anonymous = having an unknown name  
Anthropology = the study of human origins  
Anti-Violence = against violence  
Antonym = A word that is opposite to another word  
Apathy = Lack of interest or feeling  
Arachnophobia = Fear of spiders  
Atheism = No belief in a god  
Autobiography = the story a person writes about his own life  
Biography = A written account of one's life  
Biology = the science of living organisms  
Biopsy = Studying tissue from a live person  
Biosphere = the region of the earth where life naturally exists  
Cacophony = Clashing and harsh sounds  
Chronicle = A detailed, historical record  
Claustrophobia = Fear of closed spaces  
Criteria = Set of standards to base a decision or judgment  
Critic = One who forms a judgment  
Critical = Inclined to judge severely  
Criticism = A judgment or comment  
Cryogenics = Pertaining to cold temperatures  
Cryometer = A device to measure very cold temperatures  
Cryptic = something with a hidden meaning  
Cryptogram = A secret code  
Democracy = Government of the people  
Demography = the study of human populations  
Diagnosis = the act of identifying a disease  
Dinosaur = any of the extinct prehistoric reptiles  
Dogma = A set of ideas religious truths  
Dogmatic = Characteristic of having authoritative and unproven beliefs  
Dysfunctional = Functioning badly  
Dyslexia = Difficulty in the ability to read and write  
Ecology = Relationship between organisms and their environment  
Economy = the management of resources like money  
Geography = the study of Earth's characteristics

Geriatric = Pertaining to old people  
Gerontocracy = A government of old people.  
Gerontology = the scientific study of old people  
Grammar = the study of written language  
Grammar School = A school primarily directed toward basic writing  
Grammatical = Pertaining to the rules of written language  
Graphic = Pertaining to written or pictorial description  
Graphology = the study of handwriting  
Gymnasium = A room for exercise or sports  
Gymnastics = Exercises that show strength, agility, and balance  
Heterogeneous = consisting of different parts  
Homonym = A word that has the same spelling as another, yet has different meaning  
Horoscope = the aspect of the planets and stars, based on a given time  
Hyperactive = having lots of extra energy  
Hypersensitive = Being easily irritated  
Logic = the study of reason  
Logistic = Pertaining to a system of reasoning  
Maniac = an insane person  
Meteor = A trail in the sky formed when space matter enters the Earth's atmosphere  
Meteorologist = Person who studies the atmosphere  
Meteorology = the science of the atmosphere  
Metropolis = A major city, from which other cities are tied  
Microscope = an instrument that magnifies small objects  
Misbehave = to behave badly  
Mischief = Behavior that causes annoyance in others  
Miserable = Very uncomfortable or unhappy.  
Misfit = One who is not adjusted to society.  
Monosyllable = A single, uninterrupted sound  
Monotheism = Belief in one god  
Myth = A fictional story that explains a natural phenomenon or belief  
Mythical = having imaginary qualities  
Mythology = A collection of myths  
Narcolepsy = an illness where a person suddenly falls asleep  
Narcotic = A substance that dulls the senses and causes sleepiness  
Organic = Material from a living source  
Organism = A living individual, plant, or animal  
Organization = something that contains different parts into an ordered whole  
Panacea = A cure for all disease, evils, or difficulties  
Pandemic = Widespread  
Pandemonium = Widespread chaos, noise, and uproar  
Panoramic = seeing an entire view  
Pathetic = Arousing feelings of pity  
Pediatric = medical care for children  
Philanthropy = Helping mankind through charity or donations

Philosophy = Love of wisdom  
Phonics = the study of sound  
Phonograph = A machine that reproduces sound  
Photocopy = to make a reproduction using light  
Photograph = A recorded image  
Photography = the process of placing images on surfaces sensitive to light  
Polyester = A product of numerous synthetic materials  
Polyphonic = many sounds  
Prognosis = A prediction of the course and outcome of a disease  
Psychosis = A severe mental disorder  
Pyromania = the uncontrollable urge to start fires  
Sympathy = Feeling of understanding or affection  
Symphony = A musical concert with a melody of sounds  
Synonym = A word that has a similar meaning to another word  
Technique = the degree of skill in a performance  
Technology = the application of science to commercial skills  
Telephone = an instrument that allows you to send your voice over to other people  
Theocracy = Government by religious leaders  
Thermometer = an instrument to measure heat