



# Latin Word Chunks #1-55

## Student Study Packet

### WHAT:

This list contains the thirty most common **prefixes**—a word chunk which is placed before the root of a word, the fifteen most common **roots**—the form of a word after all other chunks are removed, and the ten most common **suffixes**—a word chunk added at the end of a root.

### WHY:

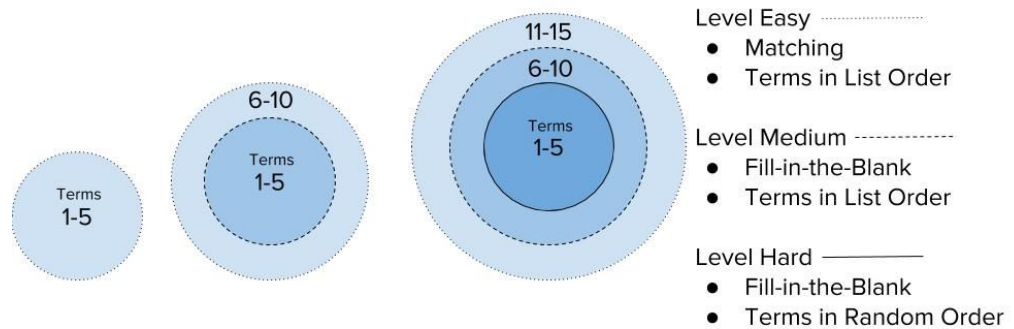
Good readers look for familiar word parts when they encounter a new, unknown word. Memorizing the most common Latin word chunks, the “staples” of the English language, will help you break down those unfamiliar words. In any situation, you’ll be able to take an educated guess as to the meaning of the word.

### HOW:

When you encounter the word unenviable, for example, you can piece together what you know about the word: un means not, and able means able to—so even if you can’t figure out that the root is envy, you still have a better chance of answering a question correctly than a student who blindly selects choice C.

Our study of the Latin Word Chunks will “snowball” these terms. We will begin with a tiny cluster of snowflakes (i.e. just five terms). We’ll gradually pack on more and more “snow” over time until we have a big “boulder.” This

process, with the inclusion of frequent, low-stakes quizzes, supports research-based memory strategies rather than just crashing an avalanche of terms on you all at once.



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1. <b>a-, ab-, abs-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>away, from</b>
Visual:	Example: <i>absent, abstinence</i>	Collected Example:
2. <b>ad-, a-, ac-, af-, ag- an-, ar-, as-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>to, toward</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>adhere, annex</i>	Collected Example:
3. <b>bi-, bis-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>two</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>biped, bisect</i>	Collected Example:
4. <b>circum-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>around</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>circumference</i>	Collected Example:
5. <b>com-, con-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>together, with</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>combination, connect</i>	Collected Example:

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6. <b>de-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>opposite, away, from</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>detract, defer</i>	Collected Example:
7. <b>dis-, dif-, di-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>apart, not</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>disperse, different</i>	Collected Example:
8. <b>epi-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>upon, on top of</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>epicenter</i>	Collected Example:
9. <b>equi-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>equal</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>equality, equitable</i>	Collected Example:
10. <b>ex-, e-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>out, from, forth</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>eject, exhale, exit</i>	Collected Example:

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11. <b>hyper-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>over, above</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>hyperactive, hypersensitive</i>	Collected Example:
12. <b>hypo-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>under, beneath</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>hypodermic</i>	Collected Example:
13. <b>in-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>in, into, not</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>inject, endure, incorrect</i>	Collected Example:
14. <b>inter-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>between, among</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>intercede</i>	Collected Example:
15. <b>male-, mal-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>bad, ill</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>malpractice, malevolent</i>	Collected Example:

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16. <b>mis-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>wrong</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>mistake, misunderstand</i>	Collected Example:
17. <b>mono-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>alone, single, one</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>monotone, monopoly</i>	Collected Example:
18. <b>non-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>not</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>nonsense</i>	Collected Example:
19. <b>ob-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>in front of, against</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>obvious</i>	Collected Example:
20. <b>omni-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>everywhere, all</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>omnipresent</i>	Collected Example:

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21. <b>pre-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>before</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>prehistoric</i>	Collected Example:
22. <b>pro-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>forward</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>proceed, promote</i>	Collected Example:
23. <b>re-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>back, again,</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>recall, recede</i>	Collected Example:
24. <b>retro-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>backward, back, behind</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>retroactive</i>	Collected Example:
25. <b>se-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>apart</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>secede</i>	Collected Example:

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26. <b>sub-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>under</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>subway</i>	Collected Example:
27. <b>super-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>greater, beyond</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>supernatural, superstition</i>	Collected Example:
28. <b>trans-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>across, beyond</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>transcend, transcontinental</i>	Collected Example:
29. <b>un-, uni-</b>	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>one</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>unilateral, unity</i>	Collected Example:
30. <b>un -</b> (pronounced <i>uhn</i> )	Usage: <i>Prefix</i>	Meaning: <b>not</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>unhappy, unethical</i>	Collected Example:

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31. <b>bas</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>low</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>basement</i>	Collected Example:
32. <b>cap, capt</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>take, seize</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>capture, capable</i>	Collected Example:
33. <b>cred</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>believe</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>credible</i>	Collected Example:
34. <b>dict</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>speak</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>predict, dictionary</i>	Collected Example:
35. <b>duc, duct</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>lead</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>induce, conduct</i>	Collected Example:



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36. <b>fac, fact</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>make, do</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>artifact</i>	Collected Example:
37. <b>graph</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>write</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>autograph, graphic</i>	Collected Example:
38. <b>log</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>word, study of</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>dialog, biology</i>	Collected Example:
39. <b>mort</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>die, death</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>mortal, mortician</i>	Collected Example:
40. <b>scrib, script</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>write</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>transcribe, subscription</i>	Collected Example:

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41. <b>spec, spect</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>see</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>specimen, aspect</i>	Collected Example:
42. <b>tact</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>touch</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>contact, tactile</i>	Collected Example:
43. <b>ten</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>hold</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>tenacious, retentive</i>	Collected Example:
44. <b>therm</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>heat</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>thermostat, thermometer</i>	Collected Example:
45. <b>ver</b>	Usage: <i>Root</i>	Meaning: <b>true</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>verify</i>	Collected Example:

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46. <b>-able, -ible</b>	Usage: <i>Suffix</i>	Meaning: <b>able to (adj.)</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>usable</i>	Collected Example:
47. <b>-er, -or</b>	Usage: <i>Suffix</i>	Meaning: <b>one who does (noun)</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>competitor</i>	Collected Example:
48. <b>-fy</b>	Usage: <i>Suffix</i>	Meaning: <b>to make (verb)</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>dignify</i>	Collected Example:
49. <b>-ism</b>	Usage: <i>Suffix</i>	Meaning: <b>the practice of (noun)</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>rationalism, Catholicism</i>	Collected Example:
50. <b>-ist</b>	Usage: <i>Suffix</i>	Meaning: <b>one who is occupied with</b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>feminist, environmentalist</i>	Collected Example:

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51. <b>-less</b>	Usage: <i>Suffix</i>	Meaning: <b><i>without, lacking (adj.)</i></b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>clueless</i>	Collected Example:
52. <b>-logue, -log</b>	Usage: <i>Suffix</i>	Meaning: <b><i>a particular kind of speaking or writing</i></b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>dialogue</i>	Collected Example:
53. <b>-ness</b>	Usage: <i>Suffix</i>	Meaning: <b><i>the quality of (noun)</i></b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>aggressiveness</i>	Collected Example:
54. <b>-ship</b>	Usage: <i>Suffix</i>	Meaning: <b><i>the art or skill of (noun)</i></b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>sportsmanship</i>	Collected Example:
55. <b>-tude</b>	Usage: <i>Suffix</i>	Meaning: <b><i>the state of (noun)</i></b>
Visual Representation:	Mentor Example: <i>attitude</i>	Collected Example: