

Latin/Greek Combining Forms

Characteristic	Latin	Greek
Animals		
Animal		zoo- -zoon
Bird	avi- -avis	ornitho- -ornis
Cow	boo- -bus	bov- -bos
Dog	cani- -canis	cyno- -cyon
fish	ichthyo- -ichthys	pisci- -piscis
horse	equi- -equus	hippo- -hippus
lizard	lacert- -lacerta	sauro- -saurus
man	anthropo- -anthropus	homini- -homo
reptile		herpeto- sauro- #NAME?
snake	aspidi- -aspis colubri- -coluber	ophio- -ophis
Animal structures		
ankle	tarsi- -tarsus	
arm		brachi- -brachium
back	dorsi- -dorsum terg- -tergum	noto- -notus
beak	rostr- -rostrum	rhyncho- -rhynchus
belly	ventr- -ventrum	
body	corporo- -corpus	somato- -soma
brain/head	cereb- -cerebrum	enchaphalo- -enchephalus
crest	crist- -crista	lopho- -lophus
crown	coron- -corona	stephano- -stephanus
finger/digit	digiti- -digitus	dactylo- -dactylus
ear	auri- -auris	oto- -ous
eye	oculo- -oculus	ophthalmo- -ophthalmus
eyelash		blepharo- -blepharis
face	faci- -facies	-ops
foot	pedi- -pes	podo- -pus
hair	pil- pili- -pilus	thricho- -thrix
hand	mani- manu- -manus	chiro- -chir
horn	corn- -cornus	cerato- -cera -cerus
leg	crur- -crus	cnemi- -cnemis
mouth	ora- ori- -os	stomato- -stoma
neck	cervic- -cervix	trachelo- -trachelus
nose	nasi- -nasus	rhino- -rhinus
scale	squam- -squama	lepido- -lepidus
tail	caud- -cauda	cerco- -cercus
tongue	lingu- -lingua	glossa- -glosso glotto- -glotta
tooth	denti- -dens	odonto- -odus

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Texture		

bare	nudi-	gymno-
bearded	barbat-	pogono-
hairy	hirsut-	trichodo-
	villos-	dasy-
rough	asper-	trachy-

Shape

bent		ancylo-
curved		cyrto- toxo-
flat	plani-	platy-
forked	forficat- furc-	dicho- dicro-
horned	cornut-	cerato-
pointed	acuminat-	
round	circuli-	gyro-
slanting	obliqu-	plagio-
slender	gracil-	lepto-
split		dicho-
thick	crassi-	pachy-
wavy	undulat-	

Numbers

one-half	semi-	hemi
one	uni-	mono
two	bi- duo-	di-
double	duplici-	amphi-
three	tri-	tria-
four	quadri-	tetra-
five	quinque-	pento-
six	sex- sexi-	hexa-
seven	septem-	hepta-
eight	octo-	octo-
nine	novem-	ennea-
ten	decim-	deca-
eleven	undecim-	hendeca-
twelve	duodecim-	dodeca-
fourteen	quattuodecim-	
one hundred	centi-	hecato-
one thousand	milli-	kilo-

Quantity

all	omni- toti-	pan-
few	pauci-	oligo-
many	multi-	poly- myria-
part	parti-	mero-
simple	simplici-	haplo-
single		henico
very		aga- za-

Characteristic
Size

Latin

Greek

dwarf	pumili-	nano-
equal	equi-	iso-
gigantic	ingenti-	colosso-
heavy	bari-	baro- bary-
large	grandi	macro- mega-
light weight	levi-	elaphro-
long	longi-	dolicho-
short	brevi-	brachy-
small	minut-	micro-
tall	proceri-	aepy-

Direction/Position

above	supra-	hyper-
backward	retr-	opistho
below	infra-	hypo-
between	inter-	meta-
down	de-	cata-
front	antero-	proto-
opposite	contra-	anti-
top	apici-	acro-

Others

dance		choreo-
eat	vora-	phago-
		tropho-
jump	salt-	salien-
run	cursor-	dromo-
slow	tardi-	brady-
walk	ambulat-	baeno
crawl	reptil-	