**Grade 11: Greek and Latin Prefixes & Roots**

**Common Core Standard:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).

***Knowing the meanings of common Greek and Latin roots can help you figure out the meanings of other words.***

**Objectives:**

1. Know common roots and prefixes derived from Greek and Latin, and use this knowledge to analyze the meaning of complex words.
2. Know common roots and prefixes derived from Greek and Latin, and apply these roots to create appropriate sentences.

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| **Prefix** | **Meaning** | **Examples** | **Example 2** |
| **preter** | **past, beyond** | preternatural | Preterite |
| **pro** | **forward** | proceed | promote |
| **re** | **again, back** | recall | recede |
| **retro** | **backward, behind, back** | retroactive | retrospect |
| **se** | **apart** | secede | senile |
| **sub** | **under** | subordinate | subway |
| **super** | **greater, beyond** | superstition | supernatural |
| **trans** | **across, beyond** | transcend | transcontinental |
| **un, uni** | **one** | unilateral | unity |
| **un *(uhn)*** | **not** | unhappy | unethical |

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| **Root** | **Meaning** | **Examples** | **Example 2** |
| **mater, matr** | **mother** | matron | maternal |
| **mech** | **machine** | mechanize | mechanic |
| **mens, ment** | **mind** | demented | mental |
| **migr** | **depart** | migration | migrate |
| **miss, mit** | **send** | missile | submit |
| **mon** | **warn** | admonish | monitor |
| **mort** | **death** | mortician | mortal |
| **mot, mov** | **move** | promote | remove |
| **narr** | **tell** | narrate | narrative |
| **nat** | **born** | nation | native |
| **nav** | **ship** | navigate | naval |
| **not** | **mark** | annotation | denote |
| **nun, noun** | **declare** | enunciate | announce |
| **nov** | **new** | innovate | novel |
| **numer** | **number** | enumerate | numeral |
| **ocu** | **eye** | binocular | oculist |
| **opt** | **visible** | optician | optic |
| **opt** | **best** | optimal | optimist |
| **orig** | **beginning** | aborigine | origin |
| **pater, patr** | **father** | paternal | patriarch |
| **path** | **feeling** | empathy | pathos |
| **ped** | **foot** | pedal | pedometer |
| **pend** | **hang** | appendix | suspend |
| **phon** | **sound** | phonics | telephone |
| **photo** | **light** | photogenic | photograph |
| **phys** | **nature** | physician | physical |
| **pod** | **foot** | podiatrist | pod |
| **poli** | **city** | metropolis | police |
| **pop** | **people** | populate | popular |
| **port** | **carry** | porter | import |
| **psych** | **mind** | psyche | psychology |
| **put** | **think** | computer | deputy |
| **ques** | **ask, seek** | quest | question |
| **rect** | **straight** | rectify | rectangle |
| **rid** | **laugh** | deride | ridicule |