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If you are unable to attend the workshop, you may wish to purchase *Word Detective: Discovering the History of the English Language*. The manual is available for purchase online at www.neuhaus.org.

Prefixes, Roots, and Combining Forms

Prefixes

a-	not, without
ab-	away from
ad-	to, toward, against
ante-	before
anti-	against
arch-	chief, original
auto-	self
bi-	two
be-	to cause, become
bene-	good
circum-	around
co-	together
con-	with, together
contra-	against
counter-	against, in opposition
de-	down, away from
demi-	half
dia-	through, across
dis-	the reverse of
dys-	not normal
en-	to cause, provide
ex-	out of, away from
extra-	outside, beyond
fore-	previously, in front of
hydro-	water
hyper-	extra, beyond, over
hypo-	under, below
in-	not
infra-	below
inter-	between
intra-	inside of
iso-	equal
mal-	bad
meta-	change, transform
micro-	small
mid-	middle
mini-	small
mis-	wrongly, badly
mono-	one, single
neo-	new, recent
non-	not, against
ob-	in the way of
octa-	eight
omni-	all, general
pan-	whole
para-	alongside, similar
per-	through
poly-	many

Prefixes continued

post-	after
pre-	before
proto-	earliest, original
pseudo-	false, pretend
re-	back, again
retro-	backward
self-	by oneself
semi-	half
super-	above
tetra-	four
trans-	across
tri-	three
ultra-	beyond
un-	not
under-	below, beneath
uni-	one
up-	upper
vice-	in place of

Roots (Latin) and Combining Forms (Greek)

aero	Greek	air	luna	Latin	light
agri	Latin	field	man	Latin	hand
alter	Latin	other	mar	Latin	sea
ambi	Latin	both	mech	Greek	machine
amo	Latin	love	mis, mit	Latin	send
ang	Latin	bend	mon	Latin	warn
anim	Latin	life, spirit	mort	Latin	death
ann, enn	Latin	year	nat	Latin	born
anthropo	Greek	human	nav	Latin	ship
apt, ept	Latin	fasten	noun	Latin	declare
aqua	Latin	water	nov	Latin	new
arch	Greek	primitive	path	Greek	feeling
art	Latin	skill	phon	Greek	sound
aud	Latin	hear	photo	Greek	light
belli	Latin	war	poli	Greek	city
biblio	Greek	books	psych	Greek	mind
bio	Greek	life	rupt	Latin	break
brev	Latin	short	scop	Greek	see
cam	Latin	field	scribe	Latin	write
cardi	Greek	heart	script	Latin	written
cede, ceed	Latin	go, yield	sect	Latin	cut
centr	Latin	center	struct	Latin	build
cent	Latin	sure	therm	Greek	heat
cess	Latin	go, move	tract	Latin	pull
chron	Greek	time	vid, vis	Latin	see
cide, cise	Latin	cut, kill			
claim	Latin	shout			
clar	Latin	clear			
corp	Latin	body			
cosm	Greek	universe			
crat	Greek	rule			
cred	Latin	belief			
cycl	Greek	circle			
dem	Greek	people			
dic	Latin	speak			
div	Latin	separate			
duc	Latin	lead			
fer	Latin	bear carry			
flect	Latin	bend			
form	Latin	shape			
gen	Greek	birth			
geo	Greek	earth			
graph	Greek	write, record			
grat	Latin	pleasing			
hom	Latin	alike			
jud, jur, jus	Latin	law			
liber	Latin	free			
logo, logy	Greek	word, study of			
luc	Latin	light			