

Greek Vocabulary List 4

Root 1: erg—work

1. **energize** (verb): to give energy to; to charge with the power to work
Coffee really energizes me in the morning and enables me to work through the day.

Root 2: eu—good, well, beautiful

2. **eulogize** (verb): to write and/or deliver a speech that praises and gives tribute
He was eulogized at his funeral by his three children.
3. **euphemism** (noun): an inoffensive or good term used in place of an offensive or unpleasant one
Many companies use the euphemism 'downsizing' instead of saying that they are making cuts.

Root 3: gam—marriage

4. **monogamous** (adj): describes someone or something that has the same mate for life
Over ninety percent of birds are monogamous and mate for life.
5. **bigamist** (noun): a person who commits the criminal offense of being married to two people at the same time
Some men practice bigamy without the knowledge of their wives.
6. **polygamy** (noun): the state or practice of having more than one husband or wife at a time
Polygamy became illegal in Utah in 1862.

Root 4: ge—earth

7. **geography** (noun): the science dealing with the Earth's surface
Because she knew the geography of the forest, she was able to find her way out alive.

Root 5: gen , gener—race, kind, class

8. **heterogeneous** (adj): something composed of unlike parts
He owns a large and heterogeneous collection of antiques.
9. **homogeneous** (adj): something composed of like parts
Some people believe that high school students are fairly homogeneous and are all alike.
10. **genesis** (noun): the beginning or the origin of something
Contrary to popular belief, Walt Disney is not to thank for the genesis of the story of Cinderella.