

Greek Vocabulary List 5

Root 1: graph, gram—writing

1. **grammar** (noun): the study of language and its structure and arrangement
Many students enjoy learning about English grammar because, like mathematics, there is always a correct answer.
2. **epigram** (noun): a short poem expressing a single thought in a witty, accurate way
Many novelists choose to print an epigram before the text of their novel.

Root 2: helio—sun

3. **heliotrope** (noun): plants that face and follow the sun
Sunflowers are well-known heliotropes that will actually turn to face the sun.

Root 3: hydr—water

4. **hydrophobia** (noun): fear of the water; rabies
Many people who spend time on the river should develop a healthy level of hydrophobia and respect the strength of the water.
5. **dehydrate** (verb): to remove the water from something in order to preserve it; to lose water or moisture; to become dry
When people become severely dehydrated they can lose consciousness.
6. **hydraulic** (adj): moved or operated by a fluid, especially water
People in Ancient Rome made use of various hydraulic applications, including aqueducts.

Root 4: log—word; speech

7. **dialogue** (noun): a conversation between two or more people; (verb): an exchange of ideas or options
Because I am failing English 2, Ms. McManigal held me after class to dialogue about my grade.
8. **logical** (adj): reasonable (on the basis of previous statements); valid
She had to quickly come up with a logical excuse for arriving home after curfew so that her parents would believe it.
9. **monologue** (noun): a long speech made by one person
She had to learn her monologue of 50 lines by the next evening's rehearsal.

Root 5: mania—madness; insane impulse; craze

10. **pyromania** (noun): the uncontrollable impulse to start fires
The pyromaniac set ten fires before he was captured by police.

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11. **maniacal** (adj): insane; showing excessive enthusiasm

The pyromaniac laughed his maniacal laugh every time he set a fire.

12. **kleptomaniac** (noun): a person with an obsessive, insane impulse to steal in spite of an absence of economic need or personal desire

The kleptomaniac stole for the resulting rush, not because he needed the items.