

## Greek Vocabulary List 6

Root 1: onym, onomato—name, word

1. **pseudonym** (noun): a fictitious name used by an author  
*Mary Ann Evans published her famous English novel Middlemarch under the pseudonym.*
2. **synonym/synonymous**: (noun) the word having the same name or meaning as another word; (adj) expressing or implying the same idea  
*A synonym for 'beautiful' is 'pretty'. 'Beautiful' is synonymous with 'pretty'.*

Root 2: nom, nem—management, distribution, law

3. **astronomical** (adj): unbelievably large; inconceivably huge; having to do with astronomy  
*The Grand Canyon is of astronomical depth—it is one mile deep.*
4. **nemesis** (noun): a person who inflicts just and fair punishment for evil deeds; a formidable and usually victorious opponent  
*Batman is the Joker's nemesis and always defeats him.*

Root 3: therm, thermo—heat

5. **thermometer** (noun): an instrument for measuring temperature  
*When you think you might have a fever, you can check your temperature using a thermometer.*
6. **hypothermia** (noun): a condition of abnormally low body temperature  
*People may experience hypothermia after undergoing a massive surgery.*

Root 4: prot, proto—first

7. **protocol** (noun): the plan for a medical or scientific experiment; the forms of ceremony and etiquette observed by diplomats and heads of state  
*It is important when conducting scientific experiments to outline your protocol carefully so that others can later perform them.*
8. **prototype** (noun): a first or original model of anything  
*You must turn in a prototype of your invention to the patent office so that no one can steal your idea.*

Root 5: thesis, thet—set; place; put

9. **thesis** (noun): a claim or a statement supported by an argument  
*You must have a strong, arguable thesis to receive a good grade on your essay.*
10. **antithesis** (noun): the direct or exact opposite of something  
*Love is the antithesis of selfishness.*