

Greek Vocabulary List 7

Root 1: morph—form

1. **metamorphosis** (noun): a transformation as if by magic or sorcery; a change in appearance, character, or condition
On The Biggest Loser many people undergo an extreme metamorphosis.
2. **amorphous** (adj): without definite form; shapeless
The design featured amorphous blue forms against straight black lines.

Root 2: ortho—straight, correct

3. **orthodox** (adj): adhering to or following what is accepted, traditional, or customary, usually in the areas of religion, behavior, or beliefs
Orthodox Jews interpret Jewish laws traditionally and do not allow changes to their doctrines.
4. **orthodontist** (noun): a doctor who specializes in correcting abnormally aligned or positioned teeth
The woman decided to visit the orthodontist because her crooked teeth always had bothered her.

Root 3: the—god

5. **theology** (noun): the study of the nature of God and religious truths
She recently received her Masters in theology and decided to become a professor of ancient religions.
6. **atheist** (noun): characteristic of a disbelief or denial of the existence of God
The atheist did not believe in God and never wanted to discuss religions of any kind.
7. **polytheism** (noun): the worship of, or a belief in, more than one God
Greeks were polytheistic and worshipped many different gods; many people even had household gods and statues in their homes.

Root 4: pan, panto—all, complete

8. **panacea** (noun): a remedy for all diseases, evils, or difficulties; a cure-all
Penicillin was thought to be as close to a panacea as would ever be developed when it was first discovered.
9. **pandemonium** (noun): wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar
Miss Ryder worries that when she has a substitute, her class will be in pandemonium.
10. **panorama** (noun): an unlimited view of all visible objects over a wide area
Standing on the precipice of the mountain, she could experience a beautiful panorama of the entire city.