

# 150 High-Frequency Root Families - Quick Reference

## Organized by Thematic Category

### Root Families 1–75 - Organized by Theme

#### POSITIVE/NEGATIVE EMOTION (15 roots)

Root	Meaning	Examples	Priority
bene-	good	beneficial, benevolent	★★★
mal-	bad	malign, malcontent	★★★
eu-	good, well	euphoria, eulogy	★★
dys-	bad, difficult	dysfunction, dystopia	★★
phil-	love	philosophy, philanthropy	★
mis-	hate, wrong	misogyny, mistake	★
bel-	war	bellicose, rebel	

#### SIZE/QUANTITY (12 roots)

magn-	great	magnify, magnitude	★★
micro-	small	microscope, microbe	★
multi-	many	multitude, multimedia	
mono-	one	monologue, monotone	★

#### SPEECH/COMMUNICATION (10 roots)

dict-	say	dictate, verdict	★★
loqu-	speak	eloquent, loquacious	★★
voc-	call	vocal, advocate	★
clar-	clear	clarify, declaration	
verb-	word	verbal, adverb	

#### KNOWLEDGE/THINKING (10 roots)

cogn-	know	cognitive, recognize	★★
sci-	know	science, conscience	★

soph-	wise	sophomore, philosophy	★
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### **ACTION/MOVEMENT (15 roots)**

ject-	throw	eject, project	★★★
duc-	lead	conduct, educate	★★
port-	carry	portable, transport	★

### **ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES (13 roots)**

temp-	time	temporary, contemporary	★
loc-	place	location, relocate	
vid-/vis-	see	video, vision	★

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### Root Families 76–150 - Continued

#### DESCRIPTION/QUALITY (20 roots)

cred-	believe	credible, credit	★★
form-	shape	formation, deform	★
gen-	kind, type	genus, generic	

#### RELATIONSHIP/CONNECTION (15 roots)

sym-/syn-	together	sympathy, synthesis	★★
inter-	between	interact, interlude	★

#### CREATION/DESTRUCTION (12 roots)

struct-	build	construct, infrastructure	★★
rupt-	break	rupture, disrupt	★

#### TRUTH/BELIEF (8 roots)

ver-	true	verify, veracity	★★
fid-	faith	confide, fidelity	★

#### STUDY PRIORITY KEY

- ★★★ = Critical Priority (20 roots)
- ★★ = High Priority (30 roots)
- ★ = Medium Priority (50 roots)
- Unmarked = Lower Priority (50 roots)