

Understanding Roots

Root	Meaning	Example	Definition
ag, act	act, drive	reactuate	bring to action again
ann, enn	year	biennial	twice per year
cap, capit, cip	head	decapitate	remove one's head
ce(e)d, ces(s)	go, move, yield	concession	yield to
cap, capt, cept	seize, take	perception	seize understanding
claus, clos	shut, close	foreclosure	to close on
cur(r), curs	to run	precursor	runs, comes before
dic, dict	say, tell	contradiction	to say against
duc, duct	take, lead, draw	conducive	leading to
fac, fect, fic	to make, to do	effective	to make happen
fer	bear, carry	transferred	carry across
fin	end, limit	finale	concluding melody
fort(i)	strong	fortify	strengthen
fund, fus	to pour	transfuse	pour or pass across
jac(t), ject	throw, cast	projectile	object cast forward
man, manu	hand	manage	handle
pel, puls	to drive	propulsion	to drive forward
pend, pens	hang, weigh	impending	hanging over
port, porta	carry	transportation	carry across
temp, tempor	time	contemporary	of the time
tend, tent, ten	stretch, strain	contentious	argumentative
vert, vers	turn	avert	to turn aside, avoid
viv, vid, vic	to live	revival	to live again, make new

Expand your vocabulary by memorizing one root per day. Make a conscious attempt to use words with this root several times during that day.