

# BASE ELEMENTS

## WORK IN PROGRESS—POST CLUIS [PC]

BASES	EXAMPLES	DEFINITIONS
○ LATIN		
act, age	activity, agitate	push, urge, lead
agr	agriculture, agrarian	productive land, field
anim	animal, magnanimous	breathe, spirit
anxi	anxious, anxiety	concerned, disturbed
apt, ept	aptitude, inept	attach, fasten
aud, aud(it)	audible, auditorium	hear
ave, au	aviary, aviator, auspicious	bird
breve	abbreviate, brevity	short
cade, case	decadent, occasion, casual	fall (into place)
casc???	cascade	
cape, capt	capable, capture, capacity, caption	hold, seize, catch, take, grab
[-cipe, -cept]*	recipient, accept	hold, seize, catch, take, grab
ceive, cei(p)t <sup>Old French</sup>	receive, receipt	take, seize, accept
capit	capital, recapitulate, decapitate	head
car	carry	wheeled vehicle (transport)
cave	cavity, caveman, excavate	hollow
celer	accelerate	hurry
cel	excel	rise
cess, cede, ceed*	excess, procedure, exceed	go
cern, cert	concern, discern, certitude	pick
cide, cise	incision, decide, concise,	cut, kill
cide, cise	deciduous, recidivism, regicide	fall, kill
claud, clause, close *	clause, closet, enclosure	shut what is open, close
clude, cluse	exclude, inconclusive, seclusion, recluse	shut

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cole, cult	cultivate, colony	take care of
cond	abscond	hide, keep safe, plunge
cre	create	produce
crede	incredible	believe
cum(ul)	accumulate, cumulative, cumulus	heap, amass, composed of
cupe <small>[intensive form of &lt;cape&gt;&lt;capt&gt;]</small>	occupy, recuperate	grasp, seize
cur, curse	current, cursive	run, flow
cure	accurate, curator	care
cuss	percussion, concussion	shatter, shake
d(ate)	date, mandate, perdition, add, abscond, condiment, traditional	put, give
dict, dice	dictate, indicate	say, tell
dign	indignant, dignify, dignity	worth
duce, duct	reduce, conductor	lead, bring
equ	equal, equivocal	equal
face, fact	facilitate, factory,	make, do, perform
[-fice, -fect]*	suffice, efficient, defect, infection	
fend, fense	offend, defensive	fight
fer, l(ate)	confer, conference, prefer, preference, vociferous, differ, different, suffer relative, latent, legislate, translate	bring, bear, carry
fer	feral, ferocious	wild
ferr	ferrous, ferric	iron
fess	confession, professor	acknowledge
fide	confide, confidential	faith, trust

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fine	finish, confine	limit, end
fl(ate)	inflation, deflate, conflate	blow
flect, flex	reflection, flexible	bend
flict, flige	conflict, confligate	strike down
flu, flux, fluid*	superfluous, influx, fluid	flow
form	deform	shape
fuge	fugitive, refuge	flee
fy, fice	magnificent, rectify	make
ge	geology, geometry	earth
gemin	geminate	twin, in pairs
gene	generate, genius, ingenuity, gene	produce
gest	gesture, digestion, ingest	act, do
gn	pregnant,	come into existence
grace, grate	gracious, gratuity, congratulate	please
grade, gress	graduate, progress,	step
grave	gravity	heavy
grege	gregarious, congregation	flock
habe	habit, habitual	have, hold, keep
-hend, -hense	comprehend, apprehension	seize, grasp, unite
[-hibe]*	prohibit, exhibition	have, hold, keep
hilar	hilarious, exhilarate	cheerful
humane	humane, humanity, humanize	earthly being
hume	humility, exhume, humiliate	ground, bury

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ign	ignite, igneous	fire
i, ite	circuit, transit, exit, initiative	go
jact, jace	adjacent	throw, hurl
[-jice, -ject]*	reject	
jude	judicial, prejudice	judge
juge, junct	jugular, conjugate, juncture	join, yoke
lave, lote	lavatory, lotion	wash
?lect, lege	lecture, legible	read
[-lige, -l[?+]]*????	diligent, oblige	choose, gather
lege, lex	legal, legitimate	law
lique	liquor, liquefy, liquid	flow, run; fluid
liter	literal, illiterate	write, use letters
locute, loque	eloquent, soliloquy, colloquial, allocate, loquacious, ventriloquist, circumlocution	speak, say
lude	prelude, ludicrous, ludology	play
lustre	lustre, lustrous, illustrate, illustrious	illuminate, make clear
magn	magnify, magnificent	large, great
mane	manufacture, manipulate, manual	hand
manu	manufacture, manuscript	make, do, perform
marit	marital	husband
marry	marriage	marry
?matre	matrix, matriculate	
?mede	meditate, medical, remediate	take appropriate measure
ment	mental, mention	mind

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mere	merit, meritorious, meretricious	earn, deserve
mire	admire, miraculous, mirage	wonder, marvel at
miss, mit	missile, committee	send
mort	mortal, mortify, mortician	die
mote, move	motor, promote, motivate, removal	move
mobe	mobility	move
nar(r)	narrator, narration	tell
n(ate)	nature, cognate, pregnant	born
nege	renege, negate, negative	deny
nomin	nominate, denominator, nominee	name
nom ( <i>directly from French</i> )	misnomer	name
nutr	nutrition	nourish
omn(i)	omniscient, omnipotent, omnivore	all
ore	adore, orator, oral, inexorable	speak, honor, pray
pare	compare, preparation, apparatus	get ready, set, provide
pel, pulse	repellent, impulse	push
pend, pense	pendulum, pensive	hang
place, please	placate, complacent, pleasure,	please
plause, plaud	applause, applaud	clap, strike, beat
ple, plete	complement, complete	fill
plice, ply	accomplice, implicit, comply, duplicate	twist, fold
plect, plex	complex,	include, seize, involve
plose, plode	explode, implosive	drive, push, burst
pole	polish, polite	smooth, refine

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pone, pose, posit*	expose, proponent, position	place, put
pote	potential	power
port	portable	carry
press	pressure	press, squeeze
prole	prolific	offspring
pugn	pugnacious, repugnant, impugn	fight <sup>with fist</sup>
punge, punct	expunge, punctuation, punctilious	point, pierce, prick
pune	punish, impunity	punish, avenge
pute	dispute, compute, reputation	think, suppose
r, r(ate)	rational, ratify,	think, reason
rege, rect, royal <sup>doublet</sup>	regal, rectangle, direction, regular	guide, manage, rule, right
ride, rise	ridicule, derision	laugh
rive	derive, arrive, rivulet, rivalry	stream
roge	interrogate, interrogative	ask, inquire
rupt	erupt	break
sape	sapid, sapient	taste, know
RARE scind, sciss	rescind, scissors	cut, split
scribe, script	scribal, subscribe, prescription	write
sect, ?sece	dissect	cut
secute, seque	persecute, consequence, obsequious	follow
sent, sense	sensation, sentence, dissent, consensus	feel, way of thinking
side, sess	reside, assess, assiduous	sit, settle
sede, sess	supersede, sediment, session	sit, settle, remain
sene	senior, senile, senate	advanced in years

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sist, st	resist, persistent, static, stationary	stand
sole	soliloquy, solitude	
spect	respect, spectator	observe, consider, watch
spece	specimen,	
[-spice]*	conspicuous, despicable, auspicious	look, watch, observe
spire	respiration, perspire	breathe
spond, sponse	correspond, responsible, despondent	promise (solemnly), answer
stell	constellation	star
string, strict	stringent, constrict	tighten
struct, strue	construction, instrument, construe	build
stupe	stupid, stupor, stupefy	stun, amaze
tain, tine, tene*	contain, continuity, tenuous	hold
tend, tent, tense	extend, tension	stretch, extend
tent	retention,	hold
tene, tent	tenant, tentacle, tenacious	hold
ter, tr	deter, detriment	rub
text	context, texture	weave
tire	tirade	draw, pull
tole	tolerate, intolerant, intolerably	endure, sustain, support
torse, tort	torsion, contortionist	twist
tract (trah)	tractor	pull, draw
?tribe	contribute, distribution	give
turb	perturb, turbulence, turbine	agitate
ute, use	utility, abusive, usual, peruse	use

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vade, vase	pervasive, invade	go, walk
vace	vacant, evacuate	empty
vale, valid	validity, valiant, invalid	worthy, strong
vari	variety, various, prevaricate	diversity, collection
vehe, vect ?(veigh)	vehicle, convector, vehement	carry, convey, bear
vene, vent	convenient, intervene, convention	come
ventr	ventriloquist	belly
vere	verify, very, verifiable	true
verse, vert	reverse, perversion, convert	turn
vestige	investigate, vestige	trace, footprint
vex	vexed	shake, annoy
vi(e)	deviate, obvious, impervious, trivial	way, path, road
vide, vise	evidence, provide, visible, advise	see
vince, vict	convince, evict, victory,	conquer, excel
vive, vict	survive, vivacious	live
voce, voc(at) voke	vociferous, revoke, equivocal, vocalize	call (voice, vowel)
vole	volunteer, voluntary	will, consent, desire
volve, volu	evolve, evolution, volume	roll, wrap, turn

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o GREEK		
all	allegory,	other, different
anthrope	anthropology, misanthrope	man
aster	asterisk, asteroid	star
astro-	astronaut, astronomy	star
aut- <small>before vowels</small> auto-	automatic	self, of oneself
auth- <small>before aspirant</small>		
bio-	biography, biology, biodiversity	life
biblio-	bibliography	book
chrone	chronological	time
chryse	chrysanthemum	gold
cracy, crat	autocrat, democracy	power, rulership
crise, crite	hypocrisy, hypocrite, critical, crisis <small>loan word</small>	separate, judge, distinguish
dactyl	dactylography, pterodactyl	finger
deme	democratic	people
dogma	dogmatize	opinion
-eme	phoneme, grapheme	minimal distinctive unit
e-, ex-	exotic	out, from, unusual, strange
ge-, geo-	geography, geology	earth, land
gn- <small>before vowels</small> gno-	agnostic, cognate, prognosis, recognize	know
graph	photograph	record
gyre	gyrate	circle
hedre	polyhedron, cathedral	chair, sit
helio-	heliograph	sun
heter- <small>before vowels</small> hetero-	heterogeneous	different, other, another
hydr- <small>before vowels</small> hydro-	hydrosphere, hydrant, hydroxide	water

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hyper-	hyperbole, hyperlink, *hypertension	over, above, beyond
hypno-	hypnotize, hypnosis	sleep
hypo-	hypothermia, hypochondria, hypotenuse, hypothesis	under, beneath, less
-iatr	psychiatric, pediatrics,	physician, medicine, healing
idio	idiosyncrasy,	private (one's own)
lect, lege, lige*	eclectic, eligible,	choose, gather
lyse, lyte, (lyst) lyze*	paralyse, catalyst, catalytic	tie
mania	maniac	madness
metre, meter	symmetrical, thermometer	measure
mnem(on)	mnemonic	memory, mindful, record
morph	amorphous, polymorphic, morpheme	form, shape
myst	mystery, mystify	hidden, secret
neur- <sup>before vowels</sup> neuro-	neurology, neuropathy,	nerves
-nomy	astronomy, economy, autonomy	names—disciplines
ode	prosody, parody	song
onym	synonym, anonymous	name
path	sympathy	feel, suffer, disease
phet	prophet, prophetic	spoken
philo-	philosophy, philology	loving, fond of
-phile	bibliophile	love, like, attracted to
phobia-	claustrophobia	horror, excessive fear
phone	phoneme, telephone	spoken <sup>voice</sup> sound
phor	metaphor, euphoric	carry

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photo	photograph, photosynthesis	light
phys	physical, physiology	form, function, matter
?polit(e)	politician	city, state
poly-	polyhedron, polysemous, polygon	many, more than one, multiple
psych	psychology	mind, soul
pter, ptero	helicopter, pterodactyl	winged
schol(e)	scholar,	leisure, rest, ease
scope	microscope	device
soph	philosophy	wise
sphere	hemisphere	ball
stere	stereotype	solid
strophe	catastrophe, apostrophe	turn
tech	technology	art, skill
tele	telegram, telephone	far, far off
therm- <sup>before vowels</sup> thermo-	thermometer	heat, warm, hot,
th(ese), th(ete)	hypothesis, synthetic, epithet, prosthetic	to place, put
the, th(eme)	anathema, thesaurus	to place, put
tom(e)	atomic, anatomy	piece cut off
trope	tropic, trope	say, turn
zoo-	zoology, zoomorphic, zoonosis	animal, living being

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