

# Greek and Latin Roots Practice Exercises

## Practice Exercise

Circle the correct meaning for the italicized word in each sentence.

1. The Latin root *am* means love. An *amiable* person is
  1. talkative.
  2. truthful.
  3. well educated.
  4. friendly, good natured.
2. The Latin root *plac* means *to please*. A *complacent* person is one who
  1. makes frequent mistakes.
  2. is argumentative.
  3. is self-satisfied.
  4. is known to tell frequent lies.
3. The Latin root *luc/lum/lus* means *light*. A *lucid* argument is
  1. very clear and understandable.
  2. loosely held together.
  3. illogical.
  4. one that blames others.
4. The Latin root *qui* means *quiet*. A *quiescent* place is
  1. very isolated.
  2. very chaotic.
  3. very dangerous.
  4. very still and restful.
5. The Latin root *loc/loq/loqu* means *word, speech*. Something that is *eloquent* is
  1. dull and trite.
  2. expressed in an effective way.
  3. very old-fashioned.
  4. equally divided into parts.
6. The Greek word *auto* means *self*. To have *autonomy* means to
  1. have a lot of money.
  2. be independent.
  3. have courage.
  4. have strong opinions.
7. The Greek root *pas/pat/path* means *feeling, suffering, disease*. To have *empathy* is to
  1. give to others.
  2. have a love for others.
  3. identify with the feelings of others.
  4. be similar to others.
8. The Greek root *pseudo* means *false, fake*. The root *nom/nym* means *name*. A *pseudonym* is
  1. a false name.
  2. an ancient god or deity.
  3. a harsh sound.

4. a long and boring speech.
9. The Greek root *dog/dox* means *opinion*. The suffix *-ic* means *having the quality of*. A person who is *dogmatic* is
  1. not in touch with reality.
  2. intolerant of other opinions.
  3. one who asserts opinions in an arrogant way.
  4. secretive and ungenerous.
10. The Greek root *phil* means *love* and the root *anthro/andro* means human. *Philanthropy* is
  1. the love of humankind.
  2. a preference for something in particular.
  3. using force to control others.
  4. spreading unkind rumors.

### Tip

Even if you don't have a clue about what a new word means, look at it closely and see if it sounds similar to another word you know, or if it has parts similar to other words you know.