

GREEK FORMANTS

(please refer to explanations given in class)

formants that tend to occur as affixes are preceded or followed by a dash

acquisition of this list can be greatly facilitated if you look up examples of words that include the formants

PREFIXES

positions

above, on	hyper-
around	peri-
below, under	hypo-
beyond	meta-
both ways	palin-
by (side)	para-
on	epi-
inside	en-, endo-
out	exo-
median	meso-
outside	ecto-
distant	tele
extremity	acro-

status

all	pan-
good	eu-
best	arist-
bad	kak-
bad, difficult	dys-
self	auto-
same	homo-
different	hetero-
with	syn-
against	para-
beyond	met(a)-
several, many	poly-
few	olig-
"absence of"	a(n)-
single	mon-
double	diplo-
both	amphi-
half	hemi-

NUMBERS

two	dy-
three	tri-
four	tetra-
five	pent-
six	hexa-
seven	hepta-
eight	oct-

nine	ennea-
ten	deca-
hundred	hec(a)t-
thousand	kilo-
ten thousand	myria-

ADJECTIVES

colours

white	leuc
black	melan
red	erythr
green	chlor
blue	cyan
yellow	xanth

properties

flat	platy
long	dolich
heavy	bary
straight, right	ortho
deep	bathy
thick	pachy
fast	tachy
ancient	archo
strong	sthen
small	micr
large	macr
large	megal
colour	chrom
sharp, acid	oxy
sweet	glyc
dry	xer
hard	scler
naked	gymn
best	arist
false	pseud
hidden	crypt
shape	-oid

PHYSICS

place	top
time	chron
force	dynam
shape	morph
goal	tel

substance	plasm
light	phot
angle	gon
face	(h)(a)edr
circle	cycl
water	hydr
wind	pneum(at)
gold	chrys
silver	argyr
iron	sider
stone	lith
wood	xyl
salt	hal
sugar	sacchar
petroleum	napht
cold	cryo
hot	therm
fire	pyr
sound	phon
shock	sism
flow	(r)r(h)

THE WORLD

universe	cosm
nature	phys
celestial body	sider
moon	selen
sun	heli(o)
ground	chth
earth	ge
mountain	oro
island	nes
sea	thalass
ocean	pelag
river	potam
city	poli

PLANTS

plant	phyt
leaf	phyl(l)
leaf	dendr
flower	anth
seed	sperm

ANIMALS

man (species)	anthrop
fish	ichty
bird	ornith
ape/monkey	pithec
dog	cyn

wolf	lyc
lion	leon
horse	hipp
snake	ophi
lizard	saur
spider	arachn

BODY PARTS

body	som(at)
cell	cyt
skin	derm(at)
bone	osteo
muscle	my
head	cephal
skull	phren
eye	ophthalm
ear	ot
mouth	stom(at)
tooth	odont
tongue	gloss/glott
nose	rhin
stomach	gastr
breast	mast
navel	omphal
vein	phleb
foot	pod
hand	chir
finger	dactyl
fingernail	onych
womb	hyster
hair	trich
blood	(h)(a)em(at)
horn	cer(at)
beak	rhynch
wing, fin	pter
tail	(o)ur

PHYSIOLOGY

life	bi
death	thanat
eat	phag
feed	troph
disease	-it.is
disease	-os.is
pain	alg
madness	man
tumor	-oma

SOCIETY

man (male)	andr
woman	gyn(ec)
child	p(a)ed
father	patr
brother	adelph
city	poli
people	dem
command	arch-
law	nom
govern	crat
war	polem
peace	iren
army	strat
god	the
belief	dox
name	onom, onym
image	icon

MOVEMENT

movement	kine, cinemat
turn	gyr
run	drom

DIVERSE ACTIVITIES AND STATES

want	boul
like	phil
put down	thes/t
love	erot
fear	phob
eat	phag
bear	phor
measure	metr
speak	phat/s//phem
discourse	log
write	graph
suffer	path
look	scop
produce, give birth	gen
create	poi(e)
break	clast
undo	lys
feed	troph
carve	glyph/pt
cure	path
suffer	path
steal	clept
boat	scaph