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| **Root / Prefix / Suffix** | **Meaning** | **Examples** |
| *auto* | self | autocrat  automobile |
| *circum* | around | circumference  circumscribe |
| *demos* | people | democracy |
| *equi* | equal | equator  equilibrium |
| *fac; fact* | to make or do | factory |
| *geo* | earth | geography  geology  geosynchronous |
| *hemi* | half | hemisphere |
| *hydro* | water | hydrosphere |

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| *lat* | side or wide or line | latitude  lateral |
| *neo* | new | neolithic |
| *ortho* | straight | orthodox  orthodontist |
| *pan* | all or whole | pantheon  panacea |
| *port* | to carry | import  export |
| *scrib; script* | to write | scribe  describe  subscribe |
| *trans* | across | transatlantic  transcribe |
| *terra* | earth | terrace  territory |