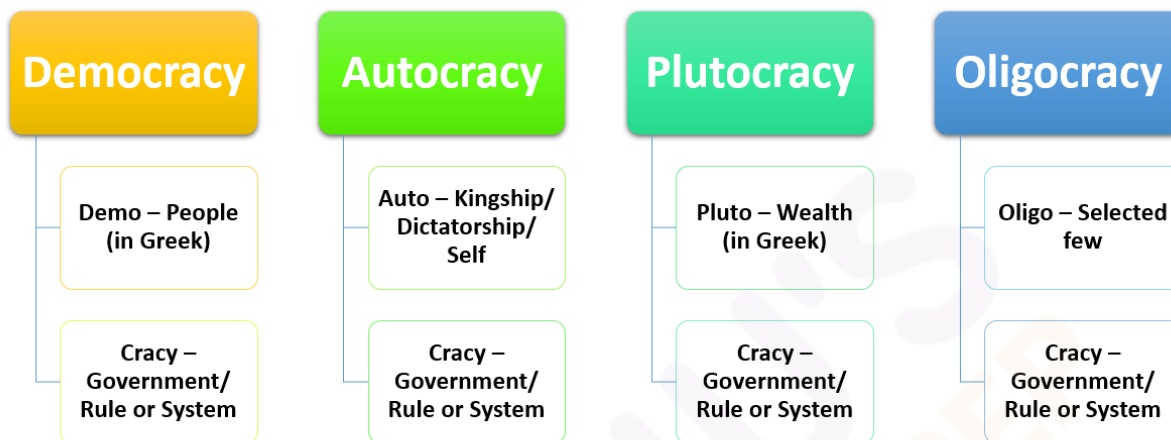


# Root Word Series PDF Part 1

Words are formed from languages which include both suffixes and prefixes. To better understand the root word concept let's take a practical example:

'**Cracy**' is a root word which means government or system. The words which can be formed with this root word include Democracy, Autocracy, Theocracy, Plutocracy, Oligocracy and a few others. To understand the meaning you can go through the table below:



So, now, we have known the significance of root words viz. by understanding the meaning of one prefix/ suffix of root words, you can recognise the partial/ complete meaning of the whole word even if the word is new to you. In this root word series, you will go through numerous root words which can help you to multiply your vocabulary. Here are the first 10 root words for this series:

1. **Pan** – all (in Greek)/ any/ everyone
  - Panorama – all-around view
  - Pantheism – the worship of many gods
  - Pandemic – all around the world or prevalent over a whole country
  - Panacea – Cure for all diseases or problems
2. **Ortho** – straight/ upright (in Greek)
  - Orthodontist – a dentist that straightens teeth
  - Orthopaedic – a doctor concerned with the proper alignment of the bones
  - Orthography – the correct way of writing
3. **Retro** – Backwards; behind (in Latin), in past times
  - Retroactive – Something related in the past
  - Retrogress – to go back to an earlier condition
  - Retrospect – the remembering of past events
4. **Soph** – Wise (in Greek)
  - Philosopher – a wise person
  - Sophisticated – wise about the ways of the world
  - Sophism – a clever but misleading argument
5. **Spir** – breathe (in Latin)/ spiral (in Greek)
  - Inspire – to stimulate or animate
  - Transpire – to give off vapour with a waste product through the skin or a membrane
  - Spirit- invisible life force
6. **Sub** – Under, lower than, inferior to



- Submarine- an underwater boat
  - Submerge- to put underwater
  - Substandard- inferior to accepted standards
7. **Tetra** – four (in Greek)
- Tetrapod - having 4 legs
  - Tetrarchy – government by 4 rules
  - Tetrose- a monosaccharide with four carbon atoms
  - Graph – Writing/ printing
8. **Graph** - to write (in Greek)/ instrument for recording (in Latin)
- Graphology – the study of written and printed symbols and of writing systems
  - Biography – an account of someone's life written by someone else
  - Telegraph – a system for transmitting messages from a distance along a wire, especially one creating signals by making and breaking an electrical connection
  - Geography – a science that deals with the description, distribution, and interaction of the diverse physical, biological, and cultural features of the earth's surface
9. **Techno** - Technique, skill (in Greek)
- Technology- the practical application of knowledge
  - Technocracy – the rule of technology
  - Technologically- characterized by technology
10. **Meta** – Behind, between, beyond
- Metacognition – awareness and understanding of one's own thought processes
  - Metaphysics – Abstract theory with no basis in reality



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