

Master Advanced Vocabulary Cheat Sheet

Essential Etymology, Roots, Prefixes, and High-Yield Words for Competitive Exams

1. Essential Latin & Greek Roots

- **Bene-** (Good/Well): Benevolent, Benefactor.
- **Mal-** (Bad/Evil): Malevolent, Malicious.
- **Chron-** (Time): Chronological, Synchronize.
- **Phob-** (Fear): Claustrophobia, Xenophobia.
- **Graph-** (Write/Record): Bibliography, Calligraphy.
- **Omni-** (All): Omnipotent, Omniscient.

2. Common Prefixes

- **A-/An-** (Not/Without): Atypical, Anarchy.
- **Contra-/Counter-** (Against): Contradict, Counterpart.
- **Circum-** (Around): Circumvent, Circumspect.
- **Sub-** (Under/Below): Subordinate, Subversive.
- **Hyper-** (Excessive): Hyperactive, Hyperbole.

3. High-Yield Exam Words

- **Apathy:** Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.
- **Esoteric:** Intended for or understood by only a small group.
- **Garrulous:** Excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters.
- **Paucity:** The presence of something in small quantities.
- **Mollify:** To appease the anger or anxiety of someone.
- **Obdurate:** Stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion.

4. Commonly Confused Words

- **Adept / Adopt / Adapt:** Proficient / Take up / Adjust.
- **Censor / Censor:** Examine and suppress / Official examiner.
- **Discrete / Discretely:** Separate / Individually.