

STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

What Is Structural Analysis?

In order to derive the **meanings** of words, it is helpful to analyze the **structure** of the words in our language:

- Is there a Latin or a Greek root word?
- Is the word a base word that can stand alone?
- Are there prefixes and suffixes added to the base word?
- What are the meanings of the affixes added to the base word?
- Is the word a shortened form of a longer word?

Examples:

- The word **cardiac** comes from the Greek root **cardi** that means heart.
- The word **field** comes from the Old English root **feld** that means open land.
- The word **biology** comes from the Greek root **bio** that means life and the Greek root **logos** that means study.
- The word **alphabet** comes from the Greek root **alpha** and **beta** that are the first two letters of the Greek alphabet.
- The word **gymnasium** comes from the Greek root **gymnasion** that means a place for physical education.



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Try This

- The word **cardiac** comes from the Greek root **cardi** that means heart. Which of the following words is related to the root **cardi**?
 - leaf
 - water
 - wind
 - tree

- The word **liberty** came from the Latin root **liber** that means _____.
 - cage
 - prison
 - free
 - chains

- Which word is the **shortened** form of cellular?
 - cellar
 - cell
 - celebrate
 - ceiling