## CLASSICS 224-2: GREEK WORD ELEMENTS

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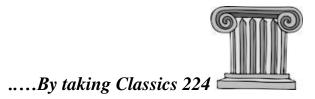
If you know that **phon** in ancient Greek means "sound," you can recognize the basic meaning in each of these words:

antiphony aphonia cacophony phon phonics phonogram telephone

Then you learn how each word is different because of its prefix (anti-, a-, caco-, tele-) and suffix (-y, -ia, -ics, -gram, -e).

You can also learn what the Greek root (and meaning) is behind these commonly used English words:

thesis agony autocrat



- Learn to figure out the meaning of words by breaking them into their ancient Greek roots
- Learn etymologies, the history & origin or true story behind a word
  - o Etymology = etumos is Greek for real or true, logy indicates study of
- Understand your dictionary & learn how words are formed
- Find out about neologisms (newly coined words) & avoid malapropisms (ludicrous misuse of words)