

LATIN ROOTS UNIT 5: CONTRA, MEDI, TRANS

CONTRA

The prefix contra- and counter- mean “opposite” or “against.”

contradiction	the statement of a position opposite to one already made
contraband	goods that have been imported or exported illegally
contrary	opposite in nature, direction, or meaning
counterfeit	made in exact imitation of something valuable or important to defraud
counterbalance	a weight that balances another weight.
contrast	the state of being strikingly different from something else
contrarian	a person who opposes or rejects popular opinion
contravene	violate the prohibition or order of (a law, treaty, or code of conduct)

MED, MEDI

The Latin root medi (med) means middle.

mediocre	of only moderate quality; not very good.
medieval	relating to the Middle Ages
mediation	intervention in a dispute in order to resolve it; arbitration.
medial	situated in the middle, in particular
median	the strip in the middle of the highway
media	a means by which something is communicated or expressed
medium	a person claiming to be in contact with the spirits of the dead
intermediary	a person who acts as to reconcile people

TRANS, TRA

The Latin prefix trans (tra) means “across.”

transcribe	put (thoughts, speech, or data) into written or printed form
transect	to cut across
transparent	allowing light to pass through so that objects can be distinctly seen
transport	take or carry (people or goods) from one place to another
translucent	allowing light, but not detailed images, to pass through
transfuse	transfer blood from one person or animal to another
travesty	represent in a false or distorted way
transfix	cause to become motionless with horror, wonder, or astonishment