

**CLASSICS 224-2:
GREEK WORD ELEMENTS**
Spring 2014, 2nd 1/2 sem -- TTh 12:30-1:45 -- Dr. Wine

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



.....*By taking Classics 224*

- 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
 - *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)