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**Latin Words: 55%**

**Anglo-Saxon Words: 20%**

**Greek Words: 11%**

**General Trends**

usually multisyllabic words

few vowel teams besides ai: assail, retain

**Common Structures**

connectives i, u, and ul: mediate, monument, muscular, solitude

ti, si, and ci = /sh/: notation, crucial

tu = /choo/: eventual, fortunate, spatula

ture = /cher/: adventure, signature, nature

**chameleon prefixes:**  
attention, collapse, difference, illegal

ct, pt: act, tempt

soft c before e or i:  
certain, city

**General Trends**

usually one syllable words

numbers 1-1000: one, twenty

basic color words: brown, green

simple body parts: arm, throat

most light words: could, do

most vowel teams: boat, house

short words with silent letters: ghost, know

**Common Structures**

ff-ll-ss words: cliff, tall, grass

ch = /ch/: chore, chin, bench

ck, tch, and dge: back, witch, edge

th in short words: than, thin, thick

k in short words: keep, kill, kind

wh: when, whisper

ng: hang, song, sting

wr: wrist, write

wild/old words: child, mind, post, told

2 syllable consonant-le words: table, fizzle, hurdle

**General Trends**

often involve science, school, or the arts

**Common Structures**

connective o: democrat, photograph

γ = i: cyclone, gym, myth, type

ph = /f/: phobia, phonics, typhoon

ch = /k/: monarch, orchid, school

k in longer words: kilometer, kinesthetic

th in longer words: athlete, thyroid

silent initial p: pneumonia, psychology

ending -ology:  
archaeology, biology

ending -ic: chaotic, chronic, music