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**lambanein (past lab-) = to take, labē = handle,**

**lēpsis (ΛΗΨΙΣ) = seizing, e.g. astrolabe**

**epilepsy, narkolepsy (cf. hairein p 167)**

**labyrinthos = labyrinth**

**lalein = to talk, e.g. palilalia, bradylalia, alalia**

**lampein = to shine, lampros = bright, e.g. lamp**

**larynx, laryngos = larynx (upper windpipe), e.g.**

**otorhinolaryngologist, laryngitis**

**leichen = tree-moss, e.g. lichen**

**leios/a/on = smooth, e.g. leioderma**

**leipein (past = lip) = to abandon, e.g. ellipse**

**leōn/leōntos = lion, e.g. lion, Leonid**

**lepein = to peel, leptos = thin**

**lepis = scale, lepros = scaly,**

**lemma = something peeled off, e.g. lepton, leprosy,**

**leptophonia, leptcephalus, lepidosaur**

**lēthē, lēthargia (ΛΗΘΗ) = forgetfulness, e.g. Lethe,**

**lethargy (cf L let(h)um p 106)**

**leukos = white, e.g. leucite, leukemia, leukocyte**

**legein = to speak, lexis = speech, logos = word,**  
**e.g. dyslexia, bradylexia, geology, anthropology,**  
**biology, hematology, sociology, psychology**

**limos = hunger, e.g. bulimia**

**lipos = fat, e.g. lipoma, lipemia, liposuction**

**lithos = stone, e.g. lithium, lithiasis, lithography,**  
**neolithic, lithoclast, monolithic**

**lobos = lobe**

**lyein = to loosen, e.g. analysis, paralysis, hydrolysis,**  
**photolytic, dialysis, lysin, lysemia**

**lympa/nymphē ... L. water nymph, water, e.g. lymph**

**\*Magnēsia, city of Asia Minor, source of magnetite (lodestone)**  
**and magnesium compounds, e.g. magnetic, magnesium, manganese**

**makros/a/on = long, large, e.g. macroscopic, macromolecule**

**malakos = soft, -malacia APC of softness**

**mania = madness, e.g. maniac, kleptomania, pyromania**

**manos = sparse, rare, e.g. manometer**

**massein = knead, e.g. massage, masseter**

**mastos = breast, e.g. mastoid, mastitis, mastectomy**

**megas/megala/megalon = large, e.g. megalomaniac,**  
**megalocardia, hepatomegaly, megacurie**

**melas/melanos = black, e.g. melancholy**

meli/melitos = honey, melissa = bee, e.g. melitemia

**mēn/mēnos = moon (month is a derived meaning),**

**mēniskos = crescent (diminutive), e.g. menopause,  
menarche, meniscus**

**mēnix/mēningos = membrane, e.g. meningitis**

**meros = part, e.g. isomer, polymer**

**meson/ē/os = middle, e.g. meson, mesoderm**

**mētra = uterus, e.g. endometritis, mesometrium**