

MASTERING ENGLISH VOCABULARY USING ROOT WORDS : PART 27

PHIL –

The root word **phil** means love, liking.

The following are some common words derived from **phil** root word are:

1. **PHILANTHROPIST** (noun) - a lover of humanity/ mankind, one who makes an active effort to promote human welfare.
 - Antonym: misanthropist.
2. **BIBLIOPHILE** (noun) - a person who has a great love of books.(Biblio means books).
3. **PHILOLOGY** (noun) - it is the love of words. It involves the study of words, especially the history and development of the words in a particular language or a group of languages.
4. **PHILODEMIC** (adj.) - one who loves people.
5. **PHILOSOPHIA** (adj.) - it is the love of wisdom. It is the study of general and fundamental questions about existence , knowledge, values, reason, mind and language.
6. **HYDROPHILIC** (noun) - it means water loving, having a strong affinity for water.
7. **PHILIP** (noun) - a lover of horses.
8. **ZOOPHILIC** (noun) - having an attraction or preference for animals. (zoo means animals).
9. **XENOPHILE** (noun) - a person who is attracted to foreign peoples- their culture, style, customs etc.
10. **ORNITHOPHILIC** (adj.) - a person who loves birds; a bird lover. (also known as aviphile).
11. **PHILANDERER** (adj.) - a fickle lover, a flirt (usually applies only to men), a womanizer.