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Vocabulary Lesson One

Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
nat	<i>born</i>	Nature, innate, Natalie, naïve, natality, cognate, nativity....
cred	<i>believe</i>	Creed, credible, credit, credence, miscreant, recreant, credulous...
habit	<i>have, hold</i>	Habitual, habit, inhibit, uninhabitable, habitation, habitude...
plac	<i>please</i>	Pleasure, complacency, please, placate, pleasant, placebo, complaisance...
sta	<i>stand</i>	Stable, estate, stabilize, statuette, constant, statute, statement, status...
junct	<i>join, connect</i>	Junction, injunction, adjoin, adjunct, conjunction, subjunctive...
pon/pos	<i>put, place</i>	Expound, exponent, opponent, postpone, dispose, deposit, posit, position...
ced	<i>yield</i>	Recede, intercede, precedent, cede, secede, recession, precede...
ven	<i>come</i>	Convention, convenient, venue, contravene, circumvent, revenue...
sequ	<i>follow</i>	Sequence, sequential, prosecute, sequacious, consequent, subsequent...
solus	<i>alone</i>	Solo, solitaire, solipsism, soliloquy, solifidian, solitude...
sed	<i>sit, settle</i>	Sediment, sedan, sedation, president, supersede, residue,...

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Vocabulary Lesson Two

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corpus	<i>body</i>	Corpse, corpulent, corps, corporal, corporeal, ...
carn	<i>flesh</i>	Carnation, carnal, carnivorous, reincarnation, incarnadine, carnival ...
capit	<i>head</i>	Capital, caption, capricious, precipitate, recapitulation, decapitate ...
naso	<i>nose</i>	Nasal, naso, nasofrontal, nostril, post nasal, nasturtium...
ora	<i>speak, pray</i>	oral, oration, adoration, exorable, oracle, perorate...
denti	<i>tooth</i>	dentist, dentine, dentifrice, dent, indent, edentate...
vita	<i>life</i>	vital, vitality, vitamin, vivarium, vivacious, revive...
cord	<i>heart</i>	cordial, core, courage, discord, accord, concordance...
arti	<i>joint</i>	Article, articulation, articular, articulator, arthritis...
manu	<i>hand</i>	Manual, manicure, manikin, amanuensis, manumit, emancipate...
ped	<i>foot</i>	Pedal, pedestrian, pedestal, pedicure, impede, expedition...
mort	<i>death</i>	Mortal, mortician, mortification, mortgage, amortize, mortality...

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Vocabulary Lesson Three

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lit	<i>letter</i>	Literary, literate, literal, illiterate, obliterate ...
verb	<i>word</i>	Verbal, proverbial, verbiage, verbatim, verbify ...
lingua	<i>language</i>	Linguist, language, lingo, multilingual, linguistics ...
genus	<i>origin, race, kind</i>	Generation, gender, gene, ingenuity, genus, miscegenation...
animus	<i>make alive</i>	Animal, animation, animadversion, pusillanimous, equanimity, unanimity...
jus	<i>law, right</i>	Judge, jurisprudence, justify, adjudicate, jury, jurisdiction...
legis	<i>law</i>	Legislation, legal, legitimate, illicit, delegalize, illegal...
civis	<i>citizen</i>	Civic, city, civilization, civility, civilian, civil liberties...
temp	<i>time</i>	Temporary, temporal, contretemps, tempus fugit, temporize, extemporaneous...
loco	<i>place</i>	Location, locus, allocate, locomotion, relocate, local...
fid	<i>trust</i>	Confident, confidant, fiduciary, diffidence, infidel, fidelity...
crux	<i>cross</i>	Crusade, cross, crucifix, crux, excruciate, crucial, crucifixion...

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Vocabulary Lesson Four

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bene	<i>good, well</i>	Benefit, benevolent, benediction, bona fide, benefactor...
grat	<i>pleasing</i>	Gratitude, gratification, grace, gracious, gratuitous, congratulate ...
bellus	<i>pretty</i>	Belle, belladonna, beau, beautician, belvedere, beauty...
mal	<i>bad</i>	Malice, malign, malpractice, malicious, malingering, malignant...
honor	<i>honor</i>	Honest, honorable, dishonor, honorarium, honorary, honorific...
sacer	<i>holy</i>	Sacred, sacrifice, sacrilege, sacrosanct, desecrate, sacrilegious...
novus	<i>new</i>	Novelty, innovate, novel, novice, Novocain, novelette...
ambi	<i>around</i>	Ambient, ambiguous, ambage, ambiguous, ambit, ambition...
clar	<i>clear</i>	Clarify, clarion, clarinet, claret, declare, declarative...
alt	<i>high</i>	Altitude, exaltation, alto, altimeter, altar...
magnus	<i>great, large</i>	Magnify, magnificent, major, maxim, magniloquent, magnanimous...
grav	<i>heavy</i>	Gravity, gravitate, gravimetric, aggravate, grieve, gravid...

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Vocabulary Lesson Five

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quer	<i>inquire</i>	Question, inquest, inquisitive, questionable, requisition, perquisite...
doc	<i>teach</i>	Doctrine, documentary, doctor, indoctrinate, docile, doctorate ...
ratio	<i>reason</i>	Rational, ration, rationale, rationalize, reason, unreasonable...
sci	<i>know</i>	Science, prescient, conscious, conscience, omniscient, scientist...
leg	<i>read, select</i>	Collect, legible, legend, lectern, lecture, elect...
cern	<i>separate</i>	Discern, secretive, discretion, concern, recrement, certain...
cite	<i>arouse, summon</i>	Recite, citation, excite, incite, cite, recital, recitation...
dic	<i>speak</i>	Dictate, dictionary, index, edict, abdication, addict, ditto, benediction...
loqu	<i>speak</i>	Eloquent, loquacity, colloquial, ventriloquist, soliloquy, circumlocution...
audio	<i>hear</i>	Audience, audible, audiology, audiometer, audition, audiophile...
nota	<i>note</i>	Notation, notorious, notice, denote, annotation, noteworthy...
scrib	<i>write</i>	Script, conscription, scripture, prescription, ascribe, describe...

Vocabulary Lesson Six

Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
voc	<i>call</i>	Vocal, vociferate, voice, convoke, provocative, avocation, advocate...
tang	<i>touch</i>	Tangent, contagious, tact, intangible, contingent, contact ...
vid	<i>see, perceive</i>	Video, provident, supervisor, visa, advise, belvedere...
spect	<i>see, look</i>	Spectator, perspicacity, perspective, specimen, prospect, circumspect...
ambulo	<i>walk</i>	Amble, perambulator, ambage, preamble, preamble, ambulance, ambulant...
somn	<i>sleep</i>	Insomnia, somniloquist, somnambulist, Somnus, somnolent, Somnex©...
jec	<i>throw</i>	Eject, projectile, interject, adjective, trajectory, dejected...
don	<i>give</i>	Donate, donee, date, pardon, condone, donor...
amo	<i>love</i>	Amorous, amicable, amour, inimical, amateur, amicus, curiae...
mira	<i>look, wonder</i>	Admire, miracle, mirror, miraculous, mirage, admiration
reg	<i>rule, direct</i>	Regal, regimen, regalia, regent, regulate, regina...
domin	<i>master, rule</i>	Dominate, dominant, domino, domineer, eminent domain...

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Vocabulary Lesson Seven

Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
labor	<i>work</i>	Laboratory, labored (adj.) labor, elaborate, laborious, collaborate...
port	<i>carry</i>	Transport, portage, purport, importance, portamento, importune ...
fer	<i>carry, bear</i>	Transfer, circumference, transferee, deference, fertile, offer...
mov	<i>move</i>	Remove, motivation, mobility, motile, mobilize, commotion...
mit	<i>send</i>	Transmit, admit, omit, remit, missive, missile, missionary...
duc	<i>to lead</i>	Induce, introduce, deduce, conducive, traduce, ductile...
pell	<i>drive, push</i>	Propel, repellent, expel, repulsive, compulsion, push...
fug	<i>flee</i>	Fugitive, fleeting, refugee, fugue, fugacious, subterfuge...
act	<i>move, do</i>	React, enactment, activities, transact, actuary, agitate...
grad	<i>take steps</i>	Gradual, graduate, digress, ingredient, egress, retrogression
fac	<i>make, do</i>	Fact, facile facsimile, facilitate, faction, feasible...
turb	<i>disturb, whirl</i>	Turbulent, trouble, turbid, perturb, turbine, turbidimeter...

Vocabulary Lesson Eight

Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
clamo	<i>cry out</i>	Clamor, clamant, declamation, claimant, reclamation, clamatorial...
cad	<i>Fall, happen</i>	Cadence, cascade, decadent, coincide, cadaverous, accident ...
claus	<i>close</i>	Closet, closure, recluse, foreclose, claustrophobia, preclude...
press	<i>press</i>	Pressure, express, suppress, depress, repress, impression...
plere	<i>to fill</i>	Complete, complement, replete, comply, compliment, expletive...
cap	<i>take, seize</i>	Capture, incapacitate, captive audience, capsule, capias, forceps...
rupt	<i>break out</i>	Erupt, disrupt, abrupt, corrupt, interrupt, bankrupt...
cis	<i>cut, kill</i>	Scissors, concise, precise, homicide, germicide, incision...
cura	<i>care</i>	Cure, accurate, security, curative, curiosity, curator...
volu	<i>roll</i>	Revolve, evolve, convolve, revolt, voluminous, involve...
tend	<i>stretch</i>	Extend, distend, contention, tendon, portend, ostensible...
plex	<i>interweave, fold</i>	Complex, plexiglass, plywood, multiply, pliable, implicate...

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Vocabulary Lesson Nine

Root	Usual Meaning	Examples
tract	<i>draw</i>	Tractor, contract, retract, tract, traction, trail....
string	<i>draw tight</i>	Strict, stringent, strain, redistrict, stricture, distraught ...
sal	<i>jump</i>	Assault, salient, assail, resilient, salmon, sally, resultant...
cresc	<i>increase</i>	Crescent, crescendo, accrue, crew, concrescence, recruit...
cur	<i>run</i>	Current, concurrent, car, corridor, recur, curriculum...
ten	<i>hold</i>	Tenant, pretend, pertinacious, tenor, tenet, liutenant...
tort	<i>twist</i>	Distort, torture, extort, tortilla, nasturtium, tort...
solv	<i>loosen</i>	Dissolve, solvent, absolution, soluble, resolve, dissolution...
frang	<i>break</i>	Fragile, frangible, fraction, frail, refraction, infraction...
pend	<i>to hang</i>	Pendulum, compendium, suspense, propend, impend...
vert	<i>turn</i>	Convert, subversion, vertebra, vertigo, versatile, inversion...
flu	<i>flow</i>	Fluid, influence, affluent, ,fluvial, influx, flush...

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Vocabulary Lesson Ten

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homo	<i>man</i>	homicide, Homo sapien, hombre, homunculus, homage...
persona	<i>person</i>	personality, impersonate, personify, personalize, parson, personae ...
nomen	<i>name</i>	nominate, cognomen, ignominious, nomenclature, agnomen, nominal ...
sol	<i>sun</i>	solar, Sol, solarium, solstice, parasol, solar system...
lumen	<i>light</i>	Illuminate, lumen, luminary, illuminant, luminescence, luminous...
luna	<i>moon</i>	lunar, Luna, lunacy, lunate, lunar month, lunation...
ignis	<i>fire</i>	ignite, ignescent, ignition, ignitron, preignition, igneous...
bellum	<i>war</i>	rebellion, belligerent, rebel, ante-bellum, bellicose, rebellious...
campus	<i>field</i>	camp, campus, campaign, camporee, champion, scamper...
annus	<i>year</i>	annual, annuity, perennial, anno Domini, anniversary, millenium...
dies	<i>day</i>	diary, diet, journay, journayman, sojourn, adjourn...
greg	<i>group, flock</i>	congregate, segregation, aggregation, gregarious, egregious...