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Vocabulary / Root List #13

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(1) AFFLUENT (adj) Wealthy and privileged; well-to-do

L. ad, “towards” + fluere = *flow towards*

In the more *affluent* neighborhoods of the city, it is not unusual for people to have three or four luxury cars*.*

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(4) LEAVEN (v) To make less heavy or serious

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Many years had *elapsed* since graduation, and many of us wondered who would come back for the class reunion.

(8) COLLAPSE (n) Complete failure and ruin

L. con, “together” + lapsus = *slide together*

Some people fear the minimum wage increase will bring about the *collapse* of the economy*.*

(9) RELAPSE (n) A falling back into an old illness or bad habit

L. re, “back” + lapsus = *slip back*

Ever since I decided to give up coffee for Lent, I have not had a single *relapse*.

*syn*: setback

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Latin CEDERE, CESSUM, “to move along, to go”

(10) RECEDE (v) To move back or away from

L. re, “back” + cedere = *to go back*

As the ocean waves *receded*, the people on the shore saw a strange object lying on the sand.

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