Vocabulary / Root List #14

**SEQU / SECU**

Latin SEQUI, SEC, “to follow”

(1) INCONSEQUENTIAL (adj) Having no effect or importance

What once seemed like a major event in 9th grade now seems entirely *inconsequential.*

*syn*: trivial *ant*: essential

(2) CONSECUTIVE (adj) Following in order

L. con, “together with” + secutus = *following with*

For five *consecutive* days, I went without bathing, justifying my gross behavior by calling it Transcendentalism.

*syn*: sequential

(3) EXECUTION (n) The way something is done

L. ex, “from” + sequi = *follow from*

The spectators were astonished at the skater’s perfect *execution* of a difficult jump.

*syn*: operation, performance

**CUR / COUR**

Latin CURRERE, CURSUM, “to run”

(4) COURIER (n) One who carries and delivers

Working his way through med school, as a *courier* in inner-city Philadelphia, T-bone Rockefeller delivered packages to many interesting and creepy places.

(5) INCUR (v) To bring about

L. in, “on, against” + currere = run against

If you don’t want to *incur* your English teacher’s anger, you should use YouTube only as a helpful guide to your reading.

*syn*: acquire *ant*: avoid

(6) RECURRENT (adj) Happening repeatedly

L. re, “again” + currere = *running again*

At the school board meeting, some parents complained about the *recurrent* problem of incompetent teachers like Mr. Marsh.

*syn*: habitual *ant*: infrequent

**GRAD / GRESS**

Latin GRADI, GRESSUM, “to step”

(7) GRADUALISM (n) A policy which involves taking slow, measured actions

When asked about how to deal with the nation’s economy, President Obama recommended a kind of *gradualism*, but the majority of Americans wanted a swift recovery.

(8) REGRESS (v) To go back to a less mature or less positive state

L. re, “back” + gressum = *to step back*

Whenever the two adult brothers got together, they seemed to *regress* to the age of thirteen.

*syn*: slip back *ant*: improve

(9) DIGRESS (v) To move away from the topic at hand; ramble

L. dis, “apart” + gressum = *to step apart, step away*

The speaker started to *digress* from his intended subject, but he noticed the audience looking bored, and he stopped.

*syn*: depart *ant*: continue, stick to

**AMBL / AMBUL**

Latin AMBULARE, AMBULATUM, “to walk”

(10) AMBLE (v) To walk casually; stroll

Jasmine *ambled* up to the other children at the playground and asked if they wanted to play “beauty shop.”

*ant*: hurry

(11) AMBULATORY (adj) Able to walk

After months of physical therapy, the patient was *ambulatory* again.

(12) PREAMBLE (n) A passage or speech which introduces another longer passage or speech

L. pre, “before” + ambulare = *to walk before*

In the *preamble* to the U.S. Declaration of Independence, Jefferson states the reasons the colonies are rebelling against Britain.