Vocabulary / Root List #12

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RAPAX, “greedy, devouring”

(1) RAPACIOUS (adj) Seizing everything, greedy

A *rapacious* group of party guests seized all the cupcakes and juice boxes for themselves, leaving none for T-Bone, who arrived later after his knitting class*.*

*syn*: demanding *ant*: giving

(2) RAPT (adj) Giving total attention to; captivated

As the version of “Jingle Bells” sung by dogs played on the Christmas music station, Mr. Marsh’s dogs, Simon and Olive, sat *rapt* in front of the television and then began barking along.

*syn*: fascinated *ant*: inattentive

(3) SURREPTITIOUS (adj) Hidden or secret; done without notice

L. sub, “beneath, secretly” + raptum = *snatched secretly*

With a *surreptitious* motion of his hand, the magician hid a small child in his scarf*.*

*syn*: stealthy *ant*: open

**CEP**

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(4) PERCEPTIBLE (adj) Able to be noticed or felt

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The eyebrow raise that Arooba gave Anthony was so fast it was barely *perceptible*, but it still made him blush.

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Tim felt that if he were too open minded, he would be *susceptible* to harmful ideas, so he lived in isolation.

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**VOR**

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The *voracious* locusts left a path of ruined crops a mile long.

*syn*: insatiable

(8) OMNIVOROUS (adj) Feeding on both animals and plants

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**CAD/CAS**

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L. de, “down from” + cadere = *falling down from (a noble or pure state)*

The billionaire’s spoiled children wasted millions of dollars on *decadent* parties.

*syn*: wanton *ant*: restrained

(11) CADENCE (n) Rhythmic rise and fall

The beautiful *cadence* of Mr. Marsh’s voice as he read us poetry lulled us to sleep.

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