Vocabulary / Root List #11

**JUR**

Latin JURARE, “to swear, to vow”

JUS, JURIS, “law”

(1) PERJURY (n) Breaking of a legal oath

L. per, “against” + jurare = *to swear against*

The manager swore at the trial that he had no information about the store robbery; when he was found to be lying, police charged him with *perjury.*

*syn*: dishonesty *ant*: fidelity

(2) ABJURE (v) To swear off; renounce

L. ab, “off, away from” + jurare = *to swear off*

After his fellow Bible club members turned against him in the meeting, T-Bone *abjured* all contact with them.

*syn*: renounce *ant*: endorse

(3) CONJURE (v) To bring forth, especially through words

L. con, “together” + jurare = *to swear together with magical aid*

In the opening of the book, the author *conjures* up an image of his boyhood llama farm*.*

*syn*: evoke

**DOMIN**

Latin DOMINOR, DOMINARI, “to rule, to dominate”

(4) PREDOMINANT (adj) Being most evident or apparent

L. pre, “before” + dominari = *ruling before all others*

Although there are flashes of color here and there in her wardrobe, black is the *predominant* shade.

*syn*: leading *ant*: unimportant

(5) DOMINEERING (adj) Forcing others to obey

LaTonda’s little sister is so *domineering* that she often orders the whole family, including her parents, around.

*syn*: bossy *ant*: submissive

(6) INDOMITABLE (adj) Unbeatable; resilient

L. in, “not” + dominari = *Unable to be dominated*

Sha NaNa’s *indomitable* courage helped her survive her battle with trench foot.

*syn*: invincible *ant*: weak

**CRAT / CRAC**

Greek KRATEIN, “to rule”

KRATOS, “power”

(7) ARISTOCRACY (n) Group of the most wealthy and privileged

G. aristos, “best” + kratein = *rule by the best*

Members of the country’s tiny *aristocracy* had private beaches for sunbathing that was free of the stink of the lower classes.

(8) THEOCRACY (n) Government by a religious leader or figure

G. theos, “god, holy” + kratein = *rule by religious authority*

The *theocracy* in the country ended when the high priests representing the gods were caught stealing from the people and were burned in the village square.

(9) BUREAUCRAT (n) A minor official

L. bura, “a cloth that covers a desk” + kratein = *desk power*

Councilman Joseph Baggadonuts nominated several unqualified candidates to city positions, leading to an increase in the number of *bureaucrats* in the city’s government.

**LEG**

Latin LEX, LEGIS, “law”

(10) LEGITIMIZE (v) To give credit or recognition to

The police officer feared that giving the criminals any media attention at all would *legitimize* their group’s existence.

*syn*: validate *ant*: undermine

(11) PRIVILEGED (adj) Available only to a special few; entitled to something special

L. privus, “one’s own” + legis = *one’s own law*

As a member of the most secret intelligence operations, Special Agent T-Bone Rockefeller was entitled to *privileged* information about the assassination attempt.

*syn*: confidential *ant*: common

(12) LEGISLATIVE (adj) Having to do with the law

L. lex + latum, “bear, carry” = *law-bearing*

In one particularly chaotic *legislative* session, a law was passed, repealed, and passed again, all within a matter of hours.