Vocabulary / Root List #2

**NUNC / NOUNC**

Latin NUNITIARE, NUNTIATUM “to announce”

(1) ENUNCIATE (v) To pronounce or articulate

L. e, “out of,” + nuntiatum = *to announce out of*

The spelling bee contestant was asked to *enunciate* so that the judges could understand what she was saying.

*syn*: articulate *ant*: mumble

(2) RENOUNCE (v) To reject by declaration

L. re, “back,” + nuntitatum = *to go back on an announcement*

In order to become a member of the Slumbering Groundhog lodge, T-Bone had to *renounce* his membership in other organizations.

*syn*: disavow *ant*: reaffirm

(3) PRONOUNCEMENT (n) A declaration of opinion; judgment

L. pro, “forth,” + nuntiatum = *to announce forth*

Turk’s *pronouncement* that the party was a disaster drew agreement from the whole group.

*syn*: declaration

**VOC / VOK**

Latin VOCARE, VOCATUS “to call”

(4) INVOKE (v) To call on for support

L. in, “on,” + vocare = *to call upon*

T-Bone *invoked* the First Amendment when Shirley tried to silence him with her sassy hand.

*syn*: appeal to

(5) PROVOCATIVE (adj) Causing disturbance or excitement

L. pro, “forth,” + vocare = *to call forth (emotions)*

The film’s *provocative* ending had people talking for months; no one knew if the character died or not.

(6) REVOKE (v) To make invalid; deactivate

L. re, “back,” + vocare = *to call back*

If you don’t pay your traffic tickets, the state may *revoke* your driver’s license.

*syn*: recall, cancel *ant*: activate

**FA**

Latin FOR, FARI “to speak”

(7) INEFFABLE (adj) Unutterable, indescribable

L. in, “not,” + ex, “out of,” + fari = *not able to be spoken*

Many religious writers speak of the *ineffable* wisdom of the divine being.

(8) INFANTILE (adj) Childish; immature

L. in, “not,” + fari = *not able to speak*

Although some people find practical jokes funny, Didi finds them *infantile.*

*syn*: juvenile *ant*: mature

(9) AFFABLE (adj) Easy to converse with; friendly

L. ad, “towards,” + fari = to speak toward

The principal was an *affable* fellow who got along well with all the students.

*syn*: courteous *ant*: surly

**DIC / DICT**

Latin DICERE, DICTUM “to say, to tell”

(10) EDICT (n) An official order

L. e, “out of,” + dictum = *to speak out (officially)*

The palace issued an *edict* forbidding the rebel prince from entering the country.

*syn*: decree

(11) INDICT (v) To charge with a crime; accuse

L. in, “against,” + dictum = *to speak against*

The jury *indicted* Glenn on seven counts of unlawful use of a squirt gun.

*syn*: charge *ant*: excuse

(12) DICTUM (n) A formal or authoritative statement

L. dictum, *having been said*

When asked to defend his seemingly rebellious behavior, Iggy cited a *dictum* of his favorite poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson, who said, “To be great is to be misunderstood.”