Vocabulary / Root List #3

**HIB / HAB**

Latin HABERE, HABITUM “to have, hold”

(1) PROHIBIT (v) To stop one from doing something; prevent

L. pro, “in front of,” + habitum = *to hold in front of*

If the law did not *prohibit* speeding, there would be far more traffic accidents.

*ant*: allow

(2) INHIBIT (v) To get in the way of; hinder

L. in, “in,” + habitum = *to hold in*

Shirley decided she wouldn’t let nervousness *inhibit* her success in the swim meet.

*ant*: aid

**FUS / FOUND**

Latin FUNDERE, FUSUM “to pour out”

(3) SUFFUSE (v) To fill up from within; to spread throughout

L. sub, “beneath,” + fusum = *to pour from beneath*

The light of inner peace seemed to *suffuse* the monk’s face as he spoke to us.

(4) CONFOUND (v) To confuse and frustrate

L. con, “together,” + fundere = *to pour together*

Although the twins sometimes *confounded* me with their tricks and secret language, we usually got along pretty well.

(5) INFUSE (v) To inject; to fill something or someone with

L. in, “into,” + fusum = *to pour into*

After many losses, the basketball team needed someone to *infuse* it with pride and determination.

*ant*: empty, remove

**TEN / TAIN / TIN**

Latin TENERE, TENTUM “to hold”

(6) SUSTAIN (v) To support for an extended period of time

L. sub, “beneath,” + tenere = *to hold (from) beneath*

I am amazed that Jeff can *sustain* his family on the tiny amount of money he makes as a hobo.

(7) ABSTAIN (v) To not do something; refrain

L. ab, “away from,” + tenere = *to hold away from*

When I *abstained* from watching television, I found I had much more free time.

*ant*: indulge

(8) TENACIOUS (adj) Stubbornly persistent; determined

L. tenax, “holding fast, stubborn”

Thanks to a *tenacious* group of citizens, the dangerous building was finally torn down.

*syn*: steadfast

(9) RETINUE (n) A group that attends an important person

L. re “back,” + tenere = *that which is retained*

Queen Elizabeth II always has a large *retinue* of ladies-in-waiting around her.

*syn*: entourage

**PLE**

Latin PLERE, PLETUM “to fill”

(10) REPLETE (adj) Filled up with

L. re, “again,” + pletum = *to fill up again*

The ship was *replete* with supplies for the month-long journey.

*ant*: emptied

(11) IMPLEMENT (v) To put into action; execute

L. in, intensifier, + pletum = *to fill*

It took the company several days to *implement* the new billing system.

(12) DEPLETE (v) To use up; waste

L. de, “down,” + pletum = *to go down from the full*

The desert travelers were careful not to *deplete* their precious supply of water.