Vocabulary / Root List #6

**CANT / CHANT**

Latin CANERE, CANTUM “to sing, to call”

(1) RECANT (v) to formally withdraw

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

Although he was critical of his fellow band members at first, the drummer later *recanted* his criticism.

*syn*: repeal *ant*: reaffirm

(2) INCANTATION (n) Ritual chant; spell

L. in, “in,” + cantum = *to call on (supernatural forces)*

The children, exposed to the words of Mandarin Chinese for the first time, thought they were hearing a magical *incantation.*

*syn*: spell

(3) DISENCHANTED (adj) Losing fondness for; unhappy with

The team’s fans, who had once loved the star pitcher, grew *disenchanted* with him as he failed to strike the other team out in the critical inning of the World Series.

*syn*: disappointed *ant*: enthusiastic

**AUD**

Latin AUDIRE, AUDITUM “to hear”

(4) INAUDIBLE (adj) So quiet as to be impossible to hear

L. in, “not,” + auditum = *not heard*

Feedback from the microphone grew from an almost *inaudible* buzzing to a deafening shriek.

*ant*: loud

(5) AUDITORY (adj) Having to do with the sense of hearing

Developing *auditory* skills involves knowing what to listen for and when to listen for it.

(6) AUDIT (n) A thorough review

Once the accounting scandal became public knowledge, an *audit* of the company’s finances was called for.

**SON**

Latin SONARE, SONATUM “to sound”

(7) DISSONANCE (n) Unpleasant or unharmonious sound

L. dis, “bad,” + sonatum = *bad sound*

The static blaring from the radio filled the room with a painful *dissonance*.

*syn*: discord *ant*: harmony

(8) ASSONANCE (n) Similarity of word sounds

L. ad, “near to,” + sonatum = *sound near to*

As a young poet, T-bone could produce lines of skillful *assonance* and great beauty.

(9) RESONANT (adj) Having an effect; powerful

L. re, “again,” + sonare = *to sound again*

The music of some composers who died long ago is still *resonant* today.

**LOG**

Greek LOGEIN “to speak, to reason”

(10) ANALOGOUS (adj) Comparable to; like

G. ana, “according to,” + logein = *according to reason*

Do you think the invention of the printing press is *analogous* to the invention of the computer in our own time?

*syn*: equivalent *ant*: unrelated

(11) DIALOGUE (n) Communication between two or more people

G. dia, “between,” + logein = to speak *between*

The countries had been at war so long that any kind of *dialogue* seemed impossible.

*syn*: conversation

(12) PROLOGUE (n) A speech, passage, or event coming before the main speech or event

G. pro, “before,” + logein = *to speak before*

In the *prologue* to the novel, the author lists main characters and their histories.

*syn*: preface *ant*: epilogue