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Latin BELLUM, “war”

(1) BELLICOSE (adj) Warlike in nature

The *bellicose* tribe was in the habit of fighting its neighbors.

*syn*: combative *ant*: peaceful

(2) ANTEBELLUM (adj) Occurring before a war

L. ante, “before,” + bellum = *before the war*

War changed the country in many ways, but some things remained as they were in the *antebellum* years*.*

(3) BELLIGERENCE (n) Warlike mood or attitude

L. bellum + gero, “to wage” = *waging war*

Despite the *belligerence* of the driver in the #24 car, the M&M’s #18 car beat him out for the win.

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**AM**

Latin AMOR, “love”

AMICUS “friend”

(4) ENAMORED (adj) Fond of; feeling love toward

L. in, “in,” + amor = *in love*

At first I hated *The Hunger Games* trilogy, but after reading them again, I became *enamored* of them.

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(5) AMIABLE (adj) Good-natured; cheerful

LaTonda greeted T-bone with an *amiable* smile as he entered the Sunday School classroom.

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Greek AGON, “contest, struggle”

(7) ANTAGONIZE (v) To act hostile towards; provoke

G. anti, “against,” + agon = *to struggle against*

No matter how the bullies *antagonize* Jeffrey, he never gets angry or upset.

*syn*: oppose *ant*: soothe

(8) PROTAGONIST (n) The central character in a work of literature

G. proto, “first,” + agon = *first contestant*

In the first story Fritz wrote, the *protagonist* was a princess who defeated a wicked emperor.

(9) ANTAGONIST (n) One who is hostile towards; one who opposes

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Lil Wayne sometimes felt like his parents were his *antagonists*, but at other times they seemed like his best friends.

**PHIL**

Greek PHILE, “love”

(10) PHILOSOPHICAL (adj) Calm and wise; reasonable

G. phile + sophos, “wisdom” = *love of wisdom*

Sha Nana’s friends thought she would be humiliated after she lost the wing-eating contest, but she was *philosophical* about the whole thing.

(11) PHILANTHROPY (n) Charitable donation to public causes

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The farmer gave his land to the city to turn into a park and was praised for his act of *philanthropy*.

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