Vocabulary / Root List #8

**PED**

Latin PES, PEDIS, “foot”

(1) IMPEDIMENT (n) Something that gets in the way; obstacle

L. in, “in the way of,” + pedis = *in the way of the foot*

One mistake at work need not be an *impediment* to your advancement in the company.

*syn*: barrier *ant*: assistance

(2) EXPEDIENT (adj) Providing results quickly; practical and effective

L. ex, “by,” + pedis = *(to speed along) by foot*

Jasper decided it would be most *expedient* for him to leave town as soon as he could before he was discovered for the fraud that he was.

*syn*: profitable

(3) PEDESTRIAN (adj) Lacking excitement; ordinary and dull

Although I thought my trip to New York would be thrilling from start to finish, it turned out to be rather *pedestrian.*

*syn*: everyday *ant*: original

**PED**

Greek PAIS, PAIDOS, “child”

(4) PEDANT (n) One possessing abundant knowledge of minor, often uninteresting, things

Only a *pedant* would go into such detail on the most minor points of grammar.

(5) PEDAGOGUE (n) A teacher, especially one who is dull and narrow-minded

G. paidos + agein, “to lead” = *child-leader*

Because our previous teacher had been a terrible bore, we expected the new teacher to be a *pedagogue* of the same type.

**VEST**

Latin VESTIS, “clothing”

(6) TRAVESTY (n) A bad imitation of; a perversion of

Some of the books being published today are a *travesty* of the great literature that came before.

*syn*: mockery, farce *ant*: glorification

(7) VESTED (adj) Significant to one’s profit or well-being

Because Sha NaNa does not have a *vested* interest in the company, she doesn’t have to worry if it goes bankrupt.

(8) VESTMENT (n) Clothing worn to symbolize religious or political authority

The youngest members of the choir did not want to wear their *vestments* because they felt that the clothes weren’t cool.

(9) DIVEST (v) To strip or remove a title or position of authority

L. dis, “apart,” + vestis = *remove clothing*

When his cheating was discovered, T-Bone was *divested* of the office of student body president.

*ant*: endow

**CORPOR/CORPU**

Latin CORPOR, “body”

(10) CORPOREAL (adj) Having to do with the body

Some religious writers focus on the differences between *corporeal* form and spiritual essence of God.

(11) CORPULENT (adj) Extremely fat, obese

L. corpor + -ulent, “full” = *full of body*

It seems shameful that the king is *corpulent* while his people are thin and starving.

*ant*: skinny

(12) INCORPORATE (v) To bring together features, ideas, or elements

L. in, “into,” + corpor = *into a body*

The most popular recipes in the cookbook manage to *incorporate* ideas about health and nutrition without sacrificing flavor.

*syn*: include, join *ant*: separate, remove