Vocabulary / Root List #9

**UNI**

Latin UNUS, “one”

(1) UNIFORM (adj) The same all the way through; consistent

L. unus + formis, “form” = *one form*

If you bake the cake properly, it will be of *uniform* sweetness and moistness.

*syn*: unvarying *ant*: variable, disparate

(2) UNISON (n) In one voice

L. unus + sonus, “sound” = *one sound*

When the principal asked the students to name their least favorite class, they shouted back in *unison,* “American Lit with Marsh!”

(3) UNANIMOUS (adj) Showing complete agreement

L. unus + animus, “spirit” = *one spirit*

Many trials are dragged out over a long period of time because the jury cannot come to a *unanimous* decision*.*

*syn*: harmonious *ant*: divided

**MONO**

Greek MONOS, “one”

(4) MONOLOGUE (n) A speech made by a single person

G. monos + logein, “to speak” = *speech by one*

Romeo overhears Juliet confess her true feelings for him in a famous *monologue* that begins “Oh Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou, Romeo?”

(5) MONOPOLIZE (v) To use or take so as to prevent others from using or taking

G. monos + polein, “sell” = *one seller*

Mr. Marsh is *monopolizing* the copy machine with his ridiculous amounts of handouts.

*syn*: hoard *ant*: share

(6) MONOGAMY (n) Marriage to only one person at a time

G. monos + gamy, “marry” = *to marry one*

While multiple marriages are acceptable and even encouraged in some countries, American society generally insists on *monogamy*.

(7) MONOLITHIC (adj) Exactly the same throughout; lacking any diversity

G. monos + lithos, “stone” = *one stone*

Moojooboo escaped the *monolithic* society she had grown up in by traveling the world and seeing many different cultures.

*syn*: invariable

**HOMO**

Greek HOMOS, “the same”

(8) HOMONYM (n) A word spelled exactly like another word, but having a different meaning

G. homos + onym, “name”

When you come across a *homonym*, like the word “bear,” you may have difficulty figuring out which meaning to assign to it.

(9) HOMOGENIZED (adj) Forced to be exactly the same

G. homos + genos, “kind”

Some of us prefer a *homogenized* class, but others like the variety of classmates in non-tracked courses like Am Lit - 9.

*ant*: diverse

**EQUI**

Latin AEQUUS, “equal, even”

(10) EQUITABLE (adj) Fair; just

Sha NaNa usually tried to be *equitable*, but this time she took all of the pizza rolls for himself and left none for her brother, T-Bone.

*syn*: balanced *ant*: unjust

(11) EQUILIBRIUM (n) Balance; steadiness

L. aequus + libra, “scales, balance” = *equal balance*

Mr. Cooper’s hurtful comment upset my mental *equilibrium*, so I did poorly on his precious Mineral Lab.

*syn*: evenness

(12) INIQUITY (n) Injustice; wrong or wicked action or situation

L. in, “not,” + aequus = *not equal*

The school committed a great *iniquity* against the freshmen class when it assigned them Mr. Marsh for English.

*syn*: corruption *ant*: morality