

Latin Roots Vocabulary List 5

Senior English

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- sensitive (adj.) A. tactful and sympathetic in relation to the feelings of others B. easily offended or annoyed if something is spoken about C. not to be mentioned or divulged D. needing to be dealt with tactfully to avoid embarrassment E. with the capacity to perceive via the sense organs
- discern (v.) To perceive or recognize (a fact, etc.); to comprehend or understand clearly. To perceive or recognize a difference or distinction; to distinguish or discriminate between
- discriminate (adj.) **A.** Of a feature, quality, etc.: to serve to differentiate; to distinguish. **B.** To treat a person or group in an unjust or prejudicial manner, esp. on the grounds of race, gender, sexual orientation, etc.; freq. with against. Also (with in favor of): to treat a person or group more favorably than others, in order to compensate for disadvantage or lack of privilege.
- omniscient (adj.) all knowing, having infinite knowledge (n.) An all knowing being; spec. (with the) God. Also: a person who knows everything; a person who claims or is said to be all knowing.
- insipid (adj.) without taste, tasteless or having only a very slight taste; without perceptible flavor or flavor sufficient to gratify the palate (n.) An insipid person or thing is one who is deficient in sense, spirit, or taste
- sagacious (adj.) **A.** Acute in perception, esp. by the sense of smell. **B.** Gifted with acuteness of mental discernment; having special aptitude for the discovery of the truth; penetrating and judicious in the estimation of character and motives, and in the devising of means for the accomplishment of ends; shrewd.
- affable (adj.) Of a person, or a person's character or bearing: easy to approach and converse with; courteous and kind in relations with others, formerly esp. when dealing with people of equal or lower status; friendly, good-natured; approachable
- nefarious (adj.) Wicked, iniquitous, villainous, despicable.
- fatuous (adj.) Of persons, their actions, feelings, utterances, etc.: Foolish, vacantly silly, stupid, besotted.

- factory (n.) A building or range of buildings with plant for the manufacture or assembly of goods or for the processing of substances or materials.
- fiction (n.) **A.** Arbitrary invention. **B.** The species of literature which is concerned with the narration of imaginary events and the portraiture of imaginary characters; fictitious composition. Now usually, prose novels and stories collectively; the composition of works of this class.
- prefix (n.) **A.** An element placed at the beginning of a word or stem to adjust or modify its meaning, or (in certain languages) as an inflection. **B.** A title used before a person's name, as Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr, Sir, Rev., Lord, etc.
- assemble (v.) **A.** To bring together (persons) into one place or company; to gather, collect, convene. **B.** To put together (the separately manufactured parts of a composite machine or mechanical appliance); also with the machine as obj.
- simulate (v.) **A.** To have the external features of, to present a strong resemblance to (something). **B.** To imitate the conditions or behavior of (a situation or process) by means of a model, esp. for the purpose of study or of training; spec. to produce a computer model of (a process).
- quasihistorical (adj.) resembling or simulating history, but not really the same as, that properly so termed; having some but not all of the properties of history; "kind of" what happened