

**VOCABULARY**  
FROM

**LATIN** AND

**GREEK**  
**ROOTS**

A STUDY OF  
WORD FAMILIES

**INTRODUCTION**



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**3RD EDITION**

# INTRODUCTION

The first slide provides the vocabulary word.  
Use this to begin thinking about the definition.

# INTRODUCTION

The first click will reveal a context in which the word might be used. Infer the definition of the word by studying its context.

# INTRODUCTION

A second click provides the definition of the word.



## Unit One

# FAC

Latin FACERE, FACTUM, “to make; to do”

## DISCOMFIT

Although the presence of a large audience *discomfited* the violinist, she gave a magnificent performance.

v. to embarrass and confuse  
syn: perturb



## Unit One

# FAC

Latin FACERE, FACTUM, “to make; to do”

## EDIFICATION

Mrs. Marple, an etiquette expert, often gives hints for the *edification* of her audience.

*n.* an improvement or enlightenment

L. *aedis*, “building” + *factum* = *to make a building; to build up*  
syn: betterment

## Unit One

## FAC

Latin FACERE, FACTUM, “to make; to do”

## SURFEIT

A *surfeit* of weapons led to a lack of space in the army’s warehouse.

*n.* the condition of being too full; an overabundance

L. *sur*, “over” + *facere* = *too much made*

syn: glut, profusion

ant: shortage; dearth



*The shark feasted on a SURFEIT of SURFERS.*



## Unit Two

# STA, STI

Latin STARE, STANTUM, “to stand; to stay”

## STANCH

Desperate to *stanch* the blood seeping from the wound, the doctor decided to put a tourniquet on the patient’s arm above the elbow.

v. to stop the flow of  
syn: cease



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## STAUNCH

Though Reverend Lockwood was a *staunch* believer in the goodness of humanity, he found his faith tested by the horrible events of that week.

*adj.* firm and steadfast

syn: strong

ant: fickle, wavering