

VOCABULARY
FROM
LATIN

AND

GREEK
ROOTS

A STUDY OF
WORD FAMILIES

INTRODUCTION



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INTRODUCTION

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



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



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A second click provides the definition of the word.



Unit One

AG, ACT

Latin AGERE, ACTUM, “to drive; to do”

COGENT

The defense attorney’s claim that her client was out of town during the murder was the most *cogent* argument that she had presented to date.

adj. strong and to the point; convincing

L. *co* (from *con*), “together” + *actum* = *driving together*

syn: convincing

ant: incoherent



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EXIGENT

Congress held an impromptu all-night session to discuss the *exigent* threat of war.

adj. urgent; pressing

L. *ex*, “out of” + *agere* = *driving out of*

syn: critical

ant: trivial

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INTRANSIGENT

The principal was unable to come to a satisfying judgment in the teachers’ debate, as the feuding faculty members were *intransigent*.

adj. refusing to compromise

L. *in*, “not” + *trans*, “across” + *agere* = *not*

driving across

syn: stubborn

ant: obedient



The INTRANSIGENT TRANSIT bosses refused to make a compromise offer to the strikers.



Unit Two

GEN

Latin GENUS, “race; type; kind”

DEGENERATE

Most of the teachers at the school felt that Phil was a *degenerate* who could not be trusted.

n. a person with low moral standards and behavior

L. *de*, “down from” + *genus* = *to fall from one’s true nature or kind*

syn: ruffian



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ENGENDER

The sudden rise in the cost of fuel *engendered* a high number of firings at the airline companies.

v. to bring about; to produce

L. *in*, “in” + *genus* = *to bring into being*

syn: beget

ant: prevent