

FUMC ESL 3-12-2020 Advanced Lesson Building Vocabulary with Root Words

Introduce yourself and describe an animal with four legs. The other students must guess what animal you are describing. Keep giving hints until they guess it.

Belli - Latin for WAR

belligerent - hostile and aggressive

bellicose - inclined or eager to fight

rebellion - resistance to authority, defiance of authority or tradition

1. He was averse to violence, and never resorted to **bellicose** acts or to the employment of force except in the last extremity.

T or F

- A. This statement refers to someone who embraced violent acts.
- B. This person would resort to force if there was no other alternative.
- C. This person would frequently incite trouble by challenging people to fight.

2. His mood turned increasingly **belligerent** as the conversation continued and it became clear that the hospital had no solutions to offer.

T or F

- A. This person calmed down after the hospital explained the situation.
- B. This person felt the hospital was not being helpful.
- C. This person was not clear about what the hospital's solutions were.

3. He reproached the soldiers for their insubordination against their officers, and the army for its **rebellion** against the parliament.

T or F

- A. The soldiers had not obeyed the officers.
- B. The army had not obeyed parliament.
- C. It appears the army was unhappy with the parliament.

Bio - Latin for LIFE

biodegrade/ biodegradable- be decomposed by bacteria or other living organisms

symbiotic - interaction between two different organisms living in close physical association.

4. Newspaper will generally **biodegrade** quite quickly if shredded and thrown in the compost. Some people feel it is better to use paper bags than plastic bags because paper bags are **biodegradable**.

T or F

- A. Plastic bags are better than paper bags.
- B. This paragraph implies cutting down trees to make paper bags is a bad idea.
- C. This paragraph implies paper bags are biodegradable.

5. Fungi form **symbiotic** relationships with the roots of many plant species. The fungi colonize the root system of a host plant, providing increased water and nutrient absorption capabilities while the plant provides the fungus with carbohydrates formed from photosynthesis.

T or F

- A. This paragraph implies that fungi help plants more than plants help fungi.
- B. Fungi provide carbohydrates to the plants.
- C. Carbohydrates are formed from photosynthesis.

Fort - Latin is fortis meaning STRONG

fortify - make something stronger

forte - strong point or special talent

fortitude - bravery, courage, strength of mind

The soldiers worked the entire night to **fortify** the defenses on Bunker Hill. In the morning, the British army faced innumerable redoubts which had been quickly thrown together from wood taken from nearby bridges. Even with the new defenses, it would take much **fortitude** on the colonists part to withstand the large, well-trained British army.

T or F

- A. The colonists worked to strengthen their defenses.
- B. The article implies the colonists took apart bridges and used the wood to build defenses.
- C. The colonists were not worried at all about facing the British army.
- D. The article implies that the British army decided not to attack when they saw the new fortifications.

Though dancing was Ann's **forte**, she never considered making it her career. She had danced competitively since she was a small child. As she entered college she decided it was time to try other pursuits. She had a quick intelligence and knew she could do well in any number of careers. And, dancing, she felt, was something she could continue to enjoy without performing or competing professionally.

T or F

- A. Ann decided to give up dance altogether.
- B. Ann was confident she could be successful in careers other than dancing.
- C. You can infer that Ann is no longer keen on competing in dancing.

Cogn is a Latin word that means to learn or know. So if you **recognize** someone, you know who they are. If you are **cognizant** of something, you know about it. If you are **incognito**, you are disguised so no one knows who you are.

Hollywood stars can't go out without being **recognized** and hounded by paparazzi. They often wear sunglasses and hats to appear **incognito**, but it seldom works.

Discuss:

Talk about your forte.

Have you ever worn a disguise so people wouldn't recognize you?

Have you ever seen a famous person up close? Do you approach them?

Do you feel paparazzi are too aggressive and belligerent?