

Words to Own

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Etymologies

The *etymology* of a word tells where it comes from, tracing its origins to other words in the language and often in earlier languages. By becoming familiar with a word's etymology, you can increase your vocabulary power.

Each of the Words to Own in boldface type in the following sentences has its origin in Latin. Using a dictionary and context clues, determine which word or phrase in the box titled **Latin Meanings** goes with each Word to Own, and write the letter of the correct meaning in the space provided.

Latin Meanings		
a. back	e. to become quiet	i. to poke out
b. to proclaim	f. sincere, white, pure	j. to draw or bind together
c. to tax, value, judge	g. great	k. to loosen
d. to go over	h. money basket	

EXAMPLE: When something **dissolves**, its particles disperse, so it is not surprising that the word derives from the Latin *dissolvere*, meaning k .

1. A boa constrictor **constrains** its victims; this word is derived from the Latin *constringere*, meaning _____.
2. The word **acquiesce** is from the Latin word meaning _____.
3. When you **expunge** something, you remove it. It's easy to see how this word is related to the Latin *expungere*, meaning _____.
4. The prefix *re-* often means "again." However, it can also mean _____, as it does in the origin of the word **renounce**.
5. A business magnate may not always act with **magnanimity**, yet both words derive from the Latin *magnus*, meaning _____.
6. *Censorship* and **cessures** usually carry negative connotations today, but the Latin word simply means _____.
7. The word **transient** comes from the Latin *transire*, meaning _____.
8. *Candidus* means _____. From this Latin word comes the English word **candid**, meaning "frank."
9. Within the origin of the word **abdicated**, you can find a form of the Latin word *dicare*, meaning _____.
10. **Confiscation**, like the word *fiscal*, has its root in the Latin *fiscus*, meaning _____.