

Junior English
Latin/Greek Roots: List #3

Vocabulary Words:

1. Root: **verd, virid** – (LATIN viridus) – green
 - a. **verdure** – n – greenery; fresh and ripe vegetation
For decades, tourists have visited the botanical garden to marvel at its astonishing verdure.
 - b. **verdant** – adj – green; lush with vegetation
Because of the sunny days, the land was verdant and the harvest was full.
 - c. **viridity** – n – lack of experience; innocence
Quentin's viridity was a sure sign that he had led a very sheltered life.

2. Root: **cand** – (LATIN candidus) – white, pure (candere, canditum) – to glow, to burn
 - a. **candid** – adj – open and sincere
In the privacy of my own home, I gave the film crew my candid opinion about the matter.
 - b. **candor** – n – frankness or sincerity of expression; openness
Donald showed a candor that was unique among the politicians in the race.
 - c. **incandescent** – adj – shining brilliantly
The actress' incandescent gold gown was the talk of all the celebrities at the awards ceremony last night.

3. Root: **pall** – (LATIN pallere) – to be pale
 - a. **pallor** – n – extreme or unnatural paleness
The guilty man's face took on a distinct pallor, and his hands began to tremble.
 - b. **pallid** – adj – lacking color; dull
Patrick knew that Juliette was sick when he saw the young girl's pallid face.
 - c. **appall** – v – to fill with horror or disapproval
Karl was appalled to learn that the beautiful old museum was going to be replaced by a shopping mall.

4. Root: **livid** – (LATIN lividus) – bluish-black

a. **livid** – adj – enraged; furious

When the receptionist suggested that I leave the office, I became livid and threatened to sue.

5. Root: **nigr** – (LATIN niger) –black

a. **denigrate** – v – to attack the character of; to mock

The notoriously harsh theatre critic rarely hesitated to denigrate even the most famous and respected actors.

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Practice

Exercise I. Complete the sentence in a way that shows you understand the meaning of the *italicized* vocabulary word.

1. The retreating soldiers' faces were *pallid* because . . .
2. Though the garden had once been strikingly *verdant*, it was now. . .

Exercise II. Choose the set of words that best completes the sentence.

1. We were _____ by the transformation of the forest's untouched _____ into polluted streets and overcrowded shopping centers.
 - A. denigrated; candor
 - B. appalled; verdure
 - C. livid; pallor
 - D. denigrated; pallor
2. The island's _____ palm trees were framed by the _____ orange of the setting sun.
 - A. candid; verdant
 - B. livid; pallid
 - C. verdant; incandescent
 - D. candid; livid
3. Tracy wished she could speak with _____ to her coworker without having him turn _____ and storm out of the office.
 - A. verdure; pallid
 - B. candor; livid
 - C. pallor; incandescent
 - D. verdure; livid

Exercise III. Complete the sentence by inferring information about the *italicized* word from its context.

1. If Haley *denigrates* her younger siblings on a regular basis, they may feel . . .
2. If Corinne wants to transform the vacant lot into a *verdant* space, she should probably start by . . .
3. Sari may infer that her brother is *livid* when he does things like . . .

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ACT Review

Assignment: Fill in the blank with the word from the Unit that best completes the sentence, using the root we supply as a clue. Then, answer the questions that follow the paragraphs.

Industrialized society's continued expansion has triggered both positive and negative effects on the surrounding environment. Some feel that the lumber industry, in particular, has repeatedly devastated and reconstructed ecosystems simply in order to satisfy humanity's wants and needs. This is fallacious reasoning, however; the lumber industry does not proceed with reckless abandon. Logging merely serves to satisfy consumer demands. To be _____ (CAND), this business rarely receives the recognition it deserves for its tremendous contributions to reforestation.

One location perfectly demonstrating this trend is the Pacific Northwest. High in the Cascades, millions of acres of lush forest have been razed to supply the timber demand throughout the world. Once covered with thick, dense _____ (VERD), the mountains now exhibit large bare patches-dismal symbols, seemingly, of human disregard for nature. Upon closer inspection, though, one will find energetic young forests sprouting from seedlings planted by the logging businesses themselves. These businesses admit with _____ (CAND) that past practices have harmed the environment, but they now feel that the only responsible act would be to restore what they removed, especially when numerous studies have delineated the role that trees play in reducing pollution.

Through photosynthesis, trees and other types of vegetation serve as filters, removing carbon dioxides from the air and offering a protective umbrella to the life below. When a portion of a forest is removed, the undergrowth perishes, and the animals supported by that habitat must leave. Lacking the necessary protection, an entire ecosystem succumbs to humanity's needs. In spite of this bleak consequence, the lumber industry does not abandon the lingering destruction; instead, it undertakes the massive task of rebuilding what nature created.

What should be strikingly _____ (PALL) in this situation is the fact that the majority of the blame falls upon the lumber industry; consequently, the primary reforestation effort is designated as the industry's obligation. Granted, these businesses bear direct responsibility for leveling forests, but they commit this act for consumers, who need the wood to build homes, offices, furniture, playground equipment, and many more commodities that enhance everyday life. Perhaps the growing social conscience in today's world should acknowledge that, since many consume what the planet supplies, many shoulder the duty of replenishing the environment. Society needs to assume a greater role in restoring the balance between nature and industry. Blame accomplishes nothing, but shared responsibility and effort make a tremendous difference.

1. The author's tone toward industry could best be described as
 - A. supportive.
 - B. disgusted.
 - C. aggressive.
 - D. dismayed.

2. Which sentence best states the main idea of this passage?
 - A. The Industrial Revolution has slowly destroyed the environment.
 - B. The lumber industry is responsible for the damage it has caused; therefore, it should assume the task of reforestation.
 - C. The lumber industry has received too much blame for deforestation, and not enough credit for restoration.
 - D. Trees are a necessary part of most ecosystems, and the lumber industry has effectively destroyed irreplaceable habitats.

3. The author claims that the lumber industry has failed to receive recognition for
 - A. meeting increased demand.
 - B. providing alternatives to wood building supplies.
 - C. following strict guidelines.
 - D. attempting to restore habitats.

4. According to the passage, restoring forests is important because
 - A. animals require specific habitats, and deforestation leads to extinction.
 - B. the forest supports many lives by protecting undergrowth and reducing pollution.
 - C. logging businesses are attempting to avoid negative publicity resulting from their impact on nature.
 - D. such a great demand exists for wood products that economic disaster would occur if forests were not restored.