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Junior English
Latin/Greek Roots: List #5

Vocabulary Words:

1. Root: **joc** – (LATIN jocus) – joke

a. **jocose** – adj – cheerful; merry

The jocose language of the play is a reflection of the playwright's youthful optimism.

b. **jocular** – adj – characterized by joking

When the normally serious brothers got together, their language became jocular and playful.

2. Root: **fest, fet** – (LATIN festus) – festive

a. **festoon** – v – to drape or adorn festively

During the holidays, the rafters of the old house were festooned with flowers and ribbons.

b. **fete** – v – to honor with a banquet or feast

For her 80th birthday, Mrs. Okapi was feted by her many friends and admirers.

3. Root: **bacch** – From the name of the Roman god of wine and celebration BACCHUS

a. **bacchic** – adj – of or related to a wild celebration

The policeman reported that he had stumbled upon a bacchic gathering in the woods near the high school.

b. **bacchanal** – n – a drunken party or celebration

Greg's graduation party turned into a wild bacchanal when his rowdy friend Mike showed up.

4. Root: **plaint** – (LATIN plangere, planctus) – to lament

a. **plaintive** – adj – sorrowful; expressing or evoking mourning or sadness

The plaintive notes of the trumpet playing "Taps" floated over the funeral procession.

b. **plaint** – n – a lament or complaint

Despite the plaint of the opera's heroine, the soldier whom she loves returns to battle.

5. Root: **eleg** – (Greek elegos) – song of lament

a. **elegy** – n – a song or poem memorializing something or someone

Louis and Debbie had never been very close, so everyone was surprised when he wrote a lovely elegy for her after her untimely death.

b. **elegiac** – adj – mourning that which is lost or past; sorrowful

Dave's stories about his childhood took on a distinctly elegiac tone whenever they involved the loss of his two dogs in a car accident.