

Junior English
Latin/Greek Roots: List #6

Vocabulary Words:

1. Root: **somn** – (LATIN somnus) – sleep

a. **somnolent** – adj – drowsy; sleepy

The already somnolent professor found that sitting through a slow afternoon of student presentations was agonizing.

2. Root: **sopor** – (LATIN sopor) – sleep

a. **soporific** – adj – causing sleep or fatigue

Although we had been promised that the play would “astonish and amaze” us, we found the whole thing rather soporific.

b. **sopor** – n – sleep; drowsiness

Tim explained that his sopor was a result of the medicine given to him by the dentist, not a lack of interest..

3. Root: **lang** – (LATIN languere) – to be weak, be faint

a. **languid** – adj – lacking energy; weak

In response to James’ voice, the sick dog was still able to give a languid wag of its tail.

b. **languish** – v – to waste away

Bernard feared that if he was not granted parole, he would languish in prison for the rest of his life.

c. **languor** – n – lack of physical or mental energy

The heat wave that the city had been experiencing for three weeks left residents in a state of languor.

4. Root: **vigil** – (LATIN vigil) – watchful

a. **vigilant** – adj – on the alert; watchful

Having grown up in a tough neighborhood, Byron was known for keeping a vigilant eye on everything around him.

- b. **vigilante** – n – someone who takes law enforcement into his or her own hands
A number of mothers in the community decided that the police were not doing enough to combat teen violence, so they used vigilante tactics to clean up the neighborhood.
5. Root: **quies** – (LATIN quiescere, quietus) – to rest
- a. **acquiesce** – v – to give in
Geraldine finally acquiesced to her teacher's request to remain silent during the testing period.
- b. **requiem** – n – a song or religious service for the dead or lost
Verdi composed a moving requiem about Romeo and Juliet.
- c. **quittance** – n – a repayment; compensation
After weeks of negotiation, the company finally allowed Jorge a quittance for his work.