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**Greek and Latin Roots List 34**

1. dict \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ obiter dictum

2. bas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ abase

3. nihil \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nihilism

4. muta \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mutatis mutandis

5. terr \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ terra incognita

6. cogn \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ terra incognita

7. re \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ retort

8. super \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supersede

9. de \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ condescend

10. gram\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ epigram

11. obit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ obiter dictum

12. sequ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ obsequious

13. path \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pathetic fallacy

14. ism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nihilism

15. inter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ interstice

16. in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ inanimate

17. sed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sedate

18. tort \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ retort

19. anim\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ inanimate

20. epi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ epigram

21. ob \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ obsequious

**Words that contain one or more Greek or Latin roots:**

Obiter dictum: (passing remark) I like the judge’s obiter dictum on politics.

Obsequious: (servilely following—slave-like almost) He’s an obsequious, fawning flatterer; he is a toady.

Abase: (to lower) You abase yourself when you always agree.

Pathetic Fallacy: (ascribing/giving feelings to things) Example: It is a lonely sea tonight is a pathetic fallacy.

Mutatis mutandis: (with necessary changes) Type this letter, mutatis mutandis.

Interstice: (small space) Wind blew through the wall’s interstices, and the candle flickered.

Terra Incognita: (unknown land) He knew not the terra incognita of his own emotions.

Sedate: (calm) The count’s sedate good manners charmed us all, alas.

Retort: (swift reply) She was famous for her devastatingly witty retorts.

Nihilism: (belief in nothing) The new convert forsook his former nihilism.

Supersede: (replace) This procedure supersedes our former process.

Inanimate: (lifeless) Inanimate objects tell no tales, but many have tails.

Condescend: (to lower oneself) His condescending remarks insulted the guest.

Epigram: (witty comment) She enjoyed his spontaneously brilliant epigram on the topic.

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