

## THE ADIPOSE AGNOSTIC - List 1

Adipose - This word is often used as a polite or euphemistic way to say "overweight". Its derivation is from the Latin word **adipis** which means "grease or fat". The second syllable "pose", is from **pois**, an Old French word which means "weight".

Agnostic - Early Greek sects called themselves Gnostic, from Greek **gnosis**, "knowledge," and claimed to know the reality of God through intuition rather than faith. Those who doubted the beliefs of the Gnostics were agnostic, from Greek **agnostos**, "one who disclaims any knowledge of God."

You must know the italicized, bold roots and their definitions each week.

### Vocabulary Definitions

1. adipose                fat, fatty
  2. agnostic             doubter, one who doubts the existence of God
  3. alimentary          digestive
  4. addled                flustered, muddled
  5. abstinence          restraint, keeping away from
  6. agape                 open-mouthed
  7. absolve              pardon
  8. adage                 wise saying
  9. aptitude             ability, talent
  10. accrual              accumulation, addition
  11. abasement         degradation, lowering
- 11 words

## THE AMOROUS APOTHECARY - List 2

Amorous - In the 16th century this word, which means passionate, was spelled *amatist* and meant "lovers' stone". Its origin is from the Latin **amor**, "love"; **amat-**, "to love", from which come amatory and amorous (full of love). The word **amateur** means "one who works out of love" (non-professional).

Apothecary - A druggist or pharmacist. Originally an apothecary had nothing to do with drugs. In ancient Greek, **apotheke** meant "storehouse", and in Latin **apothecarius** means "a storekeeper". In England, an apothecary sold general merchandise until the 17th century. After a while, the Apothecary Company of London separated from the Company of Grocers and agreed to sell only drugs. In early America, apothecaries sold only drugs, and soon their stores were commonly called drug stores. Gradually drug stores began to sell almost everything and eventually returned to becoming true apothecaries, or storehouses.

### Vocabulary

1. amorous
2. apothecary
3. awry
4. ardor
5. aspersions
6. allusions
7. adamantly
8. artifices
9. axioms
10. apparition
11. assuage
12. astutely
13. allocate
14. amiability
15. annuity
16. amalgamate

### Definitions

- passionate, loving  
 pharmacist, druggist  
 wrong, distorted  
 passion  
 falsehoods, slanderous remarks  
 hints, indirect references  
 strongly, vehemently  
 trickeries, deceptions  
 truths  
 ghost, phantom  
 ease, lessen  
 wisely  
 assign, give  
 friendliness, warmth  
 yearly income  
 unite, join

(16 words)

## THE BENEVOLENT BARRISTER - List 3 - Staying

Benevolent - Kind, charitable, philanthropic. This excellent word comes from the Latin ***bene***, meaning “well or good”, and ***volo***, meaning “to wish or will”. From these two borrowings, we can formulate sentences such as "Volunteers provide many benefits" or "I have become a benefactor to my family through my own volition."

**Barrister** - “A lawyer” in England who is a member of one of the Inns of the Court and has the privilege of pleading in the higher courts. This word, of Anglo-Saxon origin, comes from the time when a person with legal training was permitted to walk up to the bar, behind which sat the king or queen. This person would then plead a case which had been prepared by a solicitor for the solicitor's client. Therefore, *those who went "before the bar" became barristers.*

### Vocabulary

1. benevolent
  2. barrister
  3. brief
  4. brevity
  5. barrage
  6. bland
  7. berate
  8. bourgeois
  9. behoove(s)
  10. benefactor
  11. beneficiaries
  12. benign
  13. bestowed
  14. benighted
  15. bigotry
  16. besmirch
  17. beneficent
  18. bounty
- (18 words)

### Definitions

- charitable, generous  
 lawyer, attorney  
 argument (as in law)  
 briefness  
 overwhelm  
 dull, colorless  
 scold strongly  
 middle class  
 (is) necessary, (is) proper  
 gift giver, patron  
 receivers of gifts or benefits  
 gentle, kind  
 gave  
 ignorant  
 intolerance  
 smear, soil  
 generous, kind  
 generosity

**THE BELEAGUERED BARTERER - List 4**

Beleaguered - To surround (surrounded) an enemy. In Old English **be-** meant “by,” and **leger** is “camp” in Dutch. When a city is beleaguered, it is surrounded by an army or other hostile forces. In other words, the soldiers “camp by” the town until the enemy gives up or fights.

Barterer - One who exchanges by commodities instead of money. This word is of unknown origin and can be traced only as far back as Middle English. It may have entered the language from the Middle French word **barater**, meaning “to cheat”. In Icelandic, the word **baratta** means “confusion, trouble, deceit”, and probably was “borrowed” by the French and “loaned” to the English. In modern society, bartering may not necessarily be cheating, unless it is used as a way to avoid paying income taxes.

**Vocabulary**

1. beleaguered
  2. barterer
  3. bleak
  4. bombastic
  5. braggadocio
  6. brazen
  7. bravado
  8. blandishments
  9. beguiled
  10. baubles
  11. bullion
  12. blatant
  13. bogus
  14. bereft
  15. berserk
- (15 words)

**Definitions**

- besieged
- trader
- gloomy
- pompous, pretentious
- boaster
- shameless
- boastfulness
- flattery
- deceived
- trinkets
- gold bars
- obvious, offensive
- counterfeit
- deprived
- insane

**THE CANNY CHAMELEON - List 5**

Canny - Careful, cautious, prudent, astute, knowing, sagacious. This word goes back to the Old English word **cunnan**, meaning “to know”, and entered English through the Icelandic word *kann*. In Scotland, canny means frugal or thrifty, and in other parts of the British Isles it may mean gentle, snug, cozy, pleasing, attractive, or pretty. Any canny person would certainly keep this word handy.

Chameleon - For some unexplainable reason, this unusual lizard's name means "dwarf lion." The reason for the first half of this word, from Greek **chamai**, meaning a “ground dwarf”, is easily understood. However, there is no explanation as to why it is called **leon**, the Latin for “lion”. The color of the chameleon's skin changes with its environment or mood. Because of this characteristic, the word chameleon is also applied to fickle, mercurial, or undependable human beings.

**Vocabulary**

1. canny
  2. chameleon
  3. crevice
  4. cascade
  5. concoct
  6. circumspect
  7. circumvent
  8. cerebration
  9. colossal
  10. chasm
  11. clambering
  12. contiguous
  13. culled
  14. comporting
  15. cajoled
  16. covetous
  17. catapulted
  18. chicanery
- (18 words)

**Definitions**

- shrewd  
 lizard (can change the color of its skin)  
 crack, opening  
 waterfall  
 plan, devise  
 cautious  
 entrap, go around  
 thinking  
 huge, gigantic  
 deep opening  
 climbing  
 adjoining  
 selected  
 carrying or conducting (oneself)  
 coaxed  
 desiring (something that belongs to another)  
 hurled, launched  
 trickery

Contentious - Contentious means quarrelsome and comes from Latin **contendere**, "to stretch or strain." The word *tense* has the same origin and obviously contentiousness results in tenseness.

Chiroprapist - A doctor who treats problems and diseases of the feet; more commonly called a podiatrist. A chiroprapist was originally someone who cared for the hands and feet, from the Greek **chiro-**, "hand" and **pod-**, "foot". Those who use "divination by the hand" practice **chiromancy**, and those doctors who use their hands to manipulate the spinal column are called chiropractors.

**Vocabulary**

1. contentious
  2. chiroprapist
  3. chattel
  4. chided
  5. callous
  6. calumniate
  7. caustically
  8. censured
  9. caricature
  10. centaur
  11. churlishly
  12. connubial
  13. chronic
  14. compatible
  15. consummate
  16. choleric
  17. conciliation
- (17 words)

**Definitions**

- quarrelsome
- foot doctor
- personal property
- scolded
- cruel, unfeeling
- slander, bad-mouth
- sarcastically
- disapproved, strongly criticized
- foolish imitation
- half man, half horse
- rudely
- marital, matrimonial
- constant, habitual
- agreeable, harmonious
- complete, total
- irritable
- agreement, pacification

Dissolute - Describes someone who behaves immorally or lives a loose life. The word comes from the Latin prefix **dis** (“away, apart”) and the verb **solvere** as in “loosen”. The Roman Empire may have declined because of its numerous dissolute despots, of which the most infamous was Nero.

Despot - **Despot**, a cruel ruler, originally meant “*master of the house*”, from Greek **despotes**. This word is a contraction of **dem**s, “house or tribe” + **potere**, “to be able”. From the Greek **dem**s, we also get the word democracy; yet a despot has no interest in sharing power with anyone else.

**Vocabulary**

1. dissolute
2. despot
3. dilemma
4. dissipated
5. discord
6. devious
7. demeaned
8. deign
9. denigrate
10. disclaim
11. dire
12. despicable
13. debased
14. disputatious
15. dilettante
16. demise
17. drudgery

**Definitions**

- immoral
- tyrant
- problem, choice of two alternatives
- wasted
- conflict
- deceitful, untrustworthy
- degraded
- condescend, lower oneself
- belittle, defame
- disown
- disastrous
- hateful
- lowered (in quality, value, condition)
- argumentative
- dabbler (in the arts)
- death
- hard work

(17 words)

Dolorous - *Dolorous*, meaning mournful or grief-stricken, is a combination of the Latin **dolor**, "grief" and the suffix **-ous**, "full". In music, there is the term *doloroso* which tells the musician to "play it sorrowfully or sadly." The Via Dolorosa, the sorrowful road, is the path where Jesus walked to the cross.

Diva – [Pronounced d●va] A distinguished female opera star. *Diva* is the feminine form of the Latin word **divus** and means "divine". Divas are also known as **prima donnas**, which means "first ladies". Unfortunately, a prima donna has also come to mean a temperamental and often contentious person.

**Vocabulary**

1. dolorous
  2. diva
  3. decorous
  4. detriment
  5. delusion
  6. defunct
  7. delete
  8. deprecatory
  9. deference
  10. dilapidated
  11. decadence
  12. detonated
  13. dotage
  14. disconcerted
  15. diverse
  16. desultory
  17. dearth
- (17 words)

**Definitions**

- sorrowful
- opera singer (female)
- proper
- harm, damage
- false belief
- dead, extinct
- erase
- disapproving
- respect
- ruined, broken down
- decay, deterioration
- exploded
- senility, old age
- upset, confused
- varied
- aimless
- scarcity

**THE EBULLIENT ENTREPRENEUR - List 9**

Ebullient - Enthusiastic, high-spirited, bubbly. The Latin word **ebulliere** means “to boil or bubble”. This word entered French as **bouiller**, meaning “to boil”, from which we also get the soup stock known as bouillon.

Entrepreneur - A person who organizes and manages a business. This word comes originally from the Latin **inter**, “within”, and **praehendere**, “to take”, and is used in the French form. An apprentice, whose goal is becoming an entrepreneur, is a young person taken in to learn.

**Vocabulary**

1. ebullient
  2. entrepreneur
  3. enraptured
  4. efficacy
  5. evoke
  6. emanate
  7. epigram
  8. epithet
  9. exotic
  10. effete
  11. epoch
  12. eulogized
  13. exemplary
  14. euphonious
  15. extolling
  16. effulgent
  17. ethereal
  18. efflorescent
  19. extant
  20. evanescent
- (20 words)

**Definitions**

- very enthusiastic
- business organizer
- delighted
- effectiveness
- summon, call forth
- emerge, originate
- short witty saying
- characterizing phrase or word
- foreign, strange
- worn out, exhausted
- era, period of time
- praised highly
- outstanding
- pleasant sounding
- praising
- radiant
- heavenly
- flowering
- still existing
- vanishing, fleeting

**THE EGOTISTICAL EXPATRIATE - List 10**

Egotistical - Self-centered, from the Latin **ego**, meaning "I". From ego, we get *egoism* which refers to the philosophical concept of self-centeredness; *egotism* (the same word, with the t added) is used to describe a more personal selfishness.

Expatriate - A person exiled from his or her native land. Its origin is the Greek **patriotes** and the Latin **patria**, meaning "father" and "fatherland" respectively. *Paternal*, *Pope*, and *Papa* also have their beginnings from this early Greek word.

**Vocabulary**

1. egotistical
2. expatriate
3. enigma
4. equestrian
5. epitome
6. equanimity
7. erudite
8. embroiled
9. espionage
10. eccentric
11. errant
12. engenders
13. estrangement
14. epicurean
15. exhort
16. erode
17. esprit de corps
18. expunged
19. escutcheon

**Definitions**

- conceited
- exiled person
- puzzle
- horseback rider
- representation
- calmness of temperament
- scholarly, learned
- deeply involved
- spying
- odd
- wandering, deviant
- causes
- separation
- pleasure-loving
- strongly urge
- eat away, destroy
- comradeship, spirit
- removed
- coat of arms

(19 words)