

Lesson 1



Touching Base

Twelve words of Latin origin appear in the box. The italicized part of each word is called the *base*. Use the Glossary to figure out the meaning of the base. Learn each base and its meaning or meanings; then complete the rest of the exercises.

<i>benefit</i>	<i>factory</i>
<i>colloquial</i>	<i>magnitude</i>
<i>multinational</i>	<i>complex</i>
<i>direct</i>	<i>sacrament</i>
<i>spectacle</i>	<i>turbulent</i>
<i>abound</i>	<i>voluntary</i>

Glossary

<i>Base</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
BENE	well; good
FAC (FIC), FACT (FECT) (FY)	to do; to make
LOQUI, LOCUT	to speak
MAGN	great
MULT	many
PLIC, PLICIT, PLEX (PLY)	to fold; to tangle
RECT(I)	right; straight
SACR (SECR) (ECR)	sacred; holy
SPEC (SPIC), SPECT	to look
TURB	to disturb
UND (OUND)	wave
VOL	to wish



Branching Out

Here is a list of English words. Each word includes one or more of the Latin bases you have been studying. The base or bases are italicized. Match each word with its meaning.

English word

Meaning

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| _____ 1. <i>magnanimous</i> | a. wish, will |
| _____ 2. <i>facile</i> | b. many |
| _____ 3. <i>sacrilegious</i> | c. cautious |
| _____ 4. <i>volition</i> | d. clergyman |
| _____ 5. <i>benediction</i> | e. wavy |
| _____ 6. <i>multitude</i> | f. involve |
| _____ 7. <i>circumspect</i> | g. generous |
| _____ 8. <i>rector</i> | h. art of effective public speaking |
| _____ 9. <i>imperturbable</i> | i. irreverent |
| _____ 10. <i>undulated</i> | j. calm, even-tempered |
| _____ 11. <i>elocution</i> | k. easy to do |
| _____ 12. <i>implicate</i> | l. expression of good wishes |

III Words in Progress

Each of the following words contains two Latin bases. Write the bases and the meanings of those bases in the spaces provided. Come as close as you can to reproducing the base the way it appears in the Glossaries of the Latin Lessons.

	Base	Meaning	+	Base	Meaning
1. rectify	_____	_____	+	_____	_____
2. multiply	_____	_____	+	_____	_____
3. magniloquent	_____	_____	+	_____	_____
4. benevolence	_____	_____	+	_____	_____
5. sacrifice	_____	_____	+	_____	_____

IV Words in Action

Here are seven additional words which contain Latin bases. Choose the appropriate word to complete each of the sentences. Write the word in the space at the right.

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| LOQUACIOUS | TURBID | ABUNDANT | DESECRATE |
| PERSPICACIOUS | DUPLICITY | VOLUNTEER | |

1. The ____ fire department came from all parts of the city to fight the blaze. _____
2. After being lashed by the summer storm, the lake became too ____ for swimming. _____
3. ____ is an important characteristic of a double agent whose job itself is a living deception. _____
4. A successful harvest meant that the pioneer family would have (a, an) ____ supply of food for the winter. _____
5. The most ____ people are often tongue-tied when asked to give a speech. _____
6. Strip mining will unsettle the soil and ____ the beautiful landscape. _____
7. ____ persons have the insight it takes to figure out difficult puzzles and problems. _____

V Word of Interest

MUSCLE

The word *muscle* includes the Latin base MUS. MUS means "mouse" in Latin. Muscle is so named because the ancients thought that it looked as if a little mouse ran up and down the arm when the biceps were flexed.

