

LESSONS 9 AND 10

Sight

Directions

1. Determine how the Latin or Greek root is related in meaning and spelling to each defined—KEY—word that follows it.
2. Learn the pronunciation and definition(s) of each KEY word, and notice how the words are used in sentences.
3. Practice using the varied forms of KEY words.
4. Build your knowledge with all the information given: Latin mottoes, Familiar Words, Challenge Words, and Nota Bene references.
5. Complete the exercises.

LESSON 9

Veni, vidi, vici.

I came, I saw, I conquered.—JULIUS CAESAR

Key Words		
improvise	refute	repose
ostensible	reiterate	reticent
ostentatious	repartee	visionary
	repertoire	

Familiar Words

react
 recant
 recede
 recur
 regress
 reject
 remember
 reply
 repress
 repulse
 require
 respect
 restrict
 reverse
 revise
 revolve

Challenge Words

rebate
 rebuff
 rebuke
 recapitulate
 recriminate
 redress
 redundant
 reincarnation
 remit
 repast
 repercussion
 replicate
 reprehend
 reprisal
 reprobate
 reprove
 repudiate
 rescind

RE <L. "back," "again"

1. **refute** (rī fyōōt') [*future* <L. *refutare*, "to drive back"]
tr. v. To prove a statement or person to be incorrect; to disprove.

The women's marathon in the Olympics has **refuted** former claims that women are physically incapable of running long distances.

refutability, *n.*; **refutable**, *adj.*; **refutably**, *adv.*; **refuter**, *n.*;
refutation, *n.*

2. **reiterate** (rē it'ə rāt) [*iterum* <L. "again"]
tr. v. To say over again.

Our coach **reiterated** her familiar advice: Don't exhaust yourself in the first quarter.

reiteration, *n.*; **reiterative**, *adj.*

3. **repartee** (rēp'ər tē', rēp'ər tā', rēp'är tā')
 [*partire* <L. "to part"]
n. 1. A quick, witty reply.

Their insulting **repartee** makes Beatrice and Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing* one of Shakespeare's favorite couples.

2. Conversation characterized by such remarks.

Although gifted at small talk and **repartee**, he seems incapable of serious discussion.

NOTA BENE: Many words have a similar *denotation*, or dictionary definition, but differ in their *connotation*, the ideas a word suggests beyond its definition. For example, *answer* and *reply* are neutral in connotation. On the other hand, while both *repartee* and *retort* can be defined as "a witty reply," they differ in their connotation. Someone might compliment you by saying, "You are well known for your repartee," meaning you make witty "comebacks" in conversation. You might be less pleased to hear "You are well known for your retorts," for you are being told that your replies in argument are sharp and often turn an opponent's words against him or her.

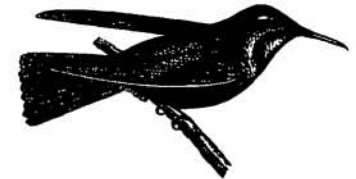
4. **repertoire** (rēp'ər twär) Also *repertory*. [*parire* <L. "to produce"]
n. 1. The stock of plays, stories, songs, or other pieces that a player or company is prepared to perform.

A march by John Philip Sousa is part of almost every school band's **repertoire**.

2. The skills or accomplishments of a particular person or group.
Most chefs have a recipe for chocolate mousse in their **repertoires**.

5. **repose** (rĕ pōz')
[*pose = positum* <L. *reponere*, "to rest"]
n. A rest; a peaceful state.

Because a hummingbird's wings move so rapidly in flight, the markings on its wings can be observed only when the bird is in **repose**.



tr. v. To place trust in or expectations on something.

In *The Grapes of Wrath* the Joad family leaves its Oklahoma dust bowl farm and **reposes** its hopes on new opportunities to be found in California.

intr. v. To rest.

During the middle of the day, many people in the tropics take a siesta, a time to **repose** until the heat dies down.

reposal, *n.*; **reposeful**, *adj.*; **reposer**, *n.*

6. **reticent** (rĕt'ə sənt) [*tacere* <L. "to be silent"]
adj. Of a silent nature; reserved in manner.

Although habitually **reticent**, he spoke out eloquently against injustice.

reticence, *n.*; **reticently**, *adv.*

OSTENDO, OSTENDERE, OSTENDI, OSTENSUM <L. "to exhibit"

7. **ostensible** (ō stĕn'sə bəl)
adj. Pretended; given as an excuse, to conceal the real reason.

Although her **ostensible** purpose at the courthouse was to meet a client, she really came to pick up information.

ostensibly, *adv.*

8. **ostentatious** (ōs'tĕn tā'shəs)
adj. Showy; intended to impress people.

They had an **ostentatious** wedding reception with a thousand guests and a ten-foot-high cake.

ostentation, *n.*; **ostentatiously**, *adv.*



Familiar Words

advise
 envision
 interview
 invisible
 preview
 provide
 review
 revision
 supervise
 survey
 television
 view
 vision

Challenge Words

belvedere
 clairvoyant
 invidious
 visa

VIDEO, VIDERE, VIDI, VISUM <L. "to see"**9. improvise** (im'prə vīz) [*in* <L. "not"]

tr. v. 1. To make up something without preparation.

Surprised by the nomination, she had to **improvise** her acceptance speech.

2. To make or provide from materials on hand.

The shipwrecked crew **improvised** a boat from barrel staves.

improvisation, *n.*; **improvisational**, *adj.*; **improvised**, *adj.*;
improvisatory, *adj.*

10. visionary (vīzh'on ēr'ē)

adj. 1. Existing only in imagination; fanciful; not practical.

The Jamestown settlers were long on **visionary** schemes but short on funds and common sense.

2. Characterized by vision or forethought.

Ida B. Wells's **visionary** goal was equal justice for Americans of all races.

EXERCISE 9A

Circle the letter of the best **SYNONYM** (the word or phrase most nearly the same as the word in bold-faced type).

- to **reiterate** instructions a. mediate on b. confuse c. explain
d. repeat e. revise
- their **ostensible** destination a. pretended b. intended c. former
d. discreet e. unreachable
- to seek **repose** a. improvement b. revenge c. tranquility
d. refutation e. relocation

Circle the letter of the best **ANTONYM** (the word or phrase most nearly opposite the word in bold-faced type).

- overcome your **reticence** a. weakness b. shyness c. talkativeness
d. silliness e. elation
- a(n) **ostentatious** outfit a. expensive b. understated
c. obsequious d. monstrous e. becoming
- enact **visionary** legislation a. forward-looking b. improvised
c. foolish d. antiquated e. extravagant
- claims difficult to **refute** a. repeat b. remember c. prove correct
d. disbelieve e. keep watch on

EXERCISE 9B

Circle the letter of the sentence in which the word in bold-faced type is used incorrectly.

1. a. Although a political **visionary**, Thomas Jefferson was also an efficient farmer and businessperson.
b. Such **visionary** plans feed the imagination but not the belly.
c. Elaborate **visionary** effects turned our gym into a tropical jungle for the junior prom.
d. They are a great architectural team: he conceives the **visionary** designs and she interprets them in concrete and steel.
2. a. **Improvised** dances are often as exciting as those carefully choreographed and rehearsed.
b. We worked all fall to **improvise** new basketball plays for the winter season.
c. Robinson Crusoe **improvised** an umbrella from banana leaves.
d. In drama class we made up **improvisational** skits based on phrases we drew from a hat.
3. a. Although I told every joke in my **repertoire**, that audience wouldn't even smile.
b. The Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard led a life of such **repertoire** that people claimed they could set their watches by his daily routine.
c. The dance band's **repertoire** includes both Brazilian sambas and rock and roll tunes from the fifties.
d. Our company's **repertoire** is out of date; we need to add some contemporary plays next season.
4. a. In seventeenth-century comedy most of the humor arises from **repartee** among fashionable men and women.
b. Poland has been subjected to repeated **repartee**, with Germany, Austria, and Russia claiming large areas for themselves.
c. Among her literary friends at the Algonquin Round Table, Dorothy Parker was more admired for her **repartee** than for her verse.
d. Although talk show hosts hope to stimulate **repartee** among their guests, their conversations are usually question-and-answer interviews.
5. a. Although Granny seems cheerful and lively, her face in **repose** reveals worry and fatigue.
b. Rather than **repose** so much faith in the opinions of others, try to make decisions for yourself.
c. **Repose** that cookie right were you found it! Lunch is almost ready.
d. Before his funeral John F. Kennedy's **reposed** in the Capitol rotunda.

6. a. Ignoring many scientific **refutations** of astrology, thousands of people read their horoscopes daily.
- b. As the population increases, space for wildlife is steadily **refuted**.
- c. Cicero, the Roman orator, recommended that a speaker first **refute** his opponent's arguments before advancing his own.
- d. Despite her **refuters**, Anastasia continued to assert that she was the only surviving child of Czar Nicholas.
7. a. Although **ostensibly** the Prince of Wales, the boy in the velvet robes was, in fact, Tom Canty, a pauper with whom the true prince had traded places.
- b. Their **ostensible** string quartet was the cover for a smuggling ring.
- c. **Ostensibly** he came to help, but I know he really came to gossip.
- d. An inch of lace was **ostensible** at her hemline.

EXERCISE 9C

Fill in each blank with the most appropriate word from Lesson 9. Use a word or any of its forms only once.

1. Rather than making _____ donations that get their name in headlines, the family prefers to make anonymous contributions to charity.
2. In many Islamic cultures students learn the Koran by _____, repeating passages over and over until memorized.
3. Although she engaged in easy repartee on most subjects, about her family life she remained _____.
4. Rosa Parks, whose refusal to sit in the back of the bus was one of the triggers of the civil rights movement in the 1960s, acted not because of _____ motives but because of fatigue after a long day's work.
5. Too poor after the Civil War to afford to buy fabric, Scarlett O'Hara _____d a new dress out of the green velvet parlor curtains.
6. The _____ of folk singer Joan Baez includes songs in both Spanish and English.