

UNIT TWELVE

CAPITA

Latin CAPUT, CAPITIS, "head"

The Latin "capitis" has given us English words with a variety of meanings. For instance, capital can describe an uppercase letter, a city that is the center of government, or an amount of money. All of these things are at the head or beginning of something.

You may hear decapitate used to mean "behead a person," but it can also mean "to ruin an organization or system." For instance, if someone says a power outage decapitated a city's government, we know that the government was unable to function until the power came back on.

CAPITALIZE (kap' ə təl ɪ z) v. To make the best of. The star athlete wanted to capitalize on her fame and quickly signed a deal to appear in TV commercials. syn: take advantage of ant: miss out on

DECAPITATE (də kap' ɪ tāt) v. To remove the head of. Police officers were shocked when the captain said he wanted to decapitate the gang, but he explained that he meant to separate the leader from the members. syn: behead

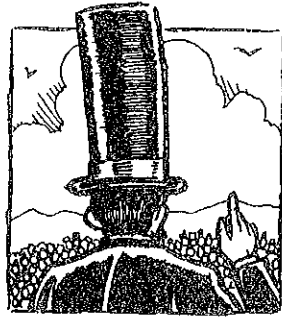
ORA

Latin OS, ORIS, "mouth"

ORAL (ōr' ə l) adj. 1. Having to do with the mouth. 2. Spoken, rather than written. 1. The dentist told Helene that without better oral care, she would need mouth surgery within a year. 2. The myths of the tribe were passed down through an oral tradition.

ORATORY (ōr' ə tōr ē) n. The art of public speaking. When he was in college, oratory was our teacher's favorite subject; he certainly does lecture a lot in class.

ORATION (ōr ə' shən) n. A grand, formal speech. Jim's oration was boring, and only a few students voted for him after the speech. syn: recitation



The words of his ORATION rang out across the NATION.

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Handwritten note: Compa = friend, associate

Handwritten note: Host = enemy

Handwritten note: Soc = ally, friend, partner; ally, associate, have in common

Handwritten note: Milita = to be a soldier

Handwritten note: Cred, cred = to believe

Handwritten note: Sont, sons = to feel

Handwritten note: Fid = to believe, trusts

Handwritten note: Fit = to think, to determine

Handwritten note: Also study:

The police do not know who left the threatening message on my answering machine, but they are doing a linguistic analysis to find clues.

LINGUISTIC (lɪŋ gwɪz' ɪ s) adj. Having to do with the structure of language

Before her trip to Europe, Danielle received a multilingual dictionary.

MULTILINGUAL (mʌl tɪŋ gwəl) adj. Speaking several languages

Latin LINGUA, "tongue"

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syn: liberate ant: imprison

A trespasser was killed when he broke into the zoo and tried to emancipate the tigers.

EMANCIPATE (ə man sɪ pət) v. To set free. To set free. "out of" + manceps, "one who takes with the hand, slaveowner" = out of slavery

MANUAL (mən' u ə l) adj. Done by hand

Manual operation of the pump became necessary when the power went out.

MANUFACTURE (mən ə fə kʃ ə r) v. To build, to make

John is the manager of a company that manufactures toothbrushes.

MAN, MANU (mən' m ə n) n. Hand

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