

UNIT FOURTEEN

PLIC, PLEX

Latin PLECTERE, PLEXUS, "to weave"
PLICARE, PLICATUM, "to fold"

APPLICATION (a pli ka' shən) n. 1. Use
2. Putting on

L. ad. "towards, onto" + plicatum = to fold onto

1. There seemd to be no application for the tool the inventor designed.
2. An application of the cream to the rash should provide relief in a few days.

COMPLEX (kəm'pleks) adj. complicated

L. com. "together," + plexus = woven together, complicated

Kenny's complex math problem was so hard that even his father couldn't figure out the answer.

ant: easy

DUPLICATE (dʊ'pɪkət) v. To make another; to copy

Because the job was detailed and difficult, the manager made sure the two people involved duplicated each other's work.

syn: reproduce

TEXT

Latin TEXERE, TEXTUS, "to weave"

TEXTURE (tek's'tʃər) n. The way something feels to the touch

The soft texture of the blanket was comforting to the baby.

TEXTILE (tek's'tɪl) n. Cloth or fabric

In the ancient culture, people wove beautiful textiles into rugs, hanging decorations, and blankets.

Also study:

Jubilant - to shout joyfully
Hilar - cheerful
Frug - frugal - to enjoy

Celebrate, Celebrate = to celebrate, honor
Lud, Luce = to play

VEAL, VEIL

Latin VELARE, VELATUM, "to cover"

REVEAL (rē'vel) v. To make known

L. re. "back," + velare = to pull the cover back

You should never reveal your Social Security Number on the phone.

syn: show
ant: hide

UNVEIL (un'vel) v. To uncover

The name of the latest person to win the multimillion-dollar prize will be unveiled on national television next week.

MANTLE

Latin MANTELLUM, "cloak"

MANTLED (man'tald) adj. Covered; draped

Latitia lived in a home that was mantled in beautiful green ivy.

DISMANTLE (dis man'təl) v. To take apart

L. dis. "apart" + mantellum = to take off a cloak, remove walls, destroy

All Harriet's efforts to dismantle the security alarm failed, and she had to call the company for help.

syn: break down
ant: construct



The VANDAL DISMANTLED the statue.

The veil covers the brides face

The mantle was cloaked in Christmas lights

III The words mantle and dismantle came through French before English got them. The French "mantel" meant about the same thing that our English mantle does; "dismanteler," from which we get dismantle, actually meant "to destroy a town's defenses, knock down its walls." So, from the idea of taking off a cloak, to removing a town's defenses, to taking something completely apart, this word has had a long journey.