

### UNIT FIFTEEN

#### SEQ. SEC

Latin SEQUI, SECUTUS, "to follow"

**SEQUEL** (sē'kwel) n. Something, especially a work of art or literature, that follows an original

Grace went to see every **sequel** of the outer space series about life on Mars.

**SEQUENCE** (sē'kwens) n. The order in which something happens

Todd forgot the **sequence** of battles in the Civil War, so his grade went from an A to a C.

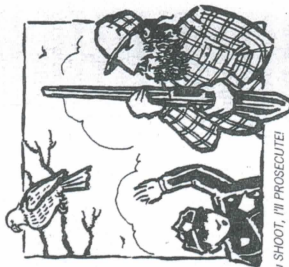
**PROSECUTE** (prō'səkūt) v. To press charges against

L. pro, "forth, forward" + secutus = to follow forward

The District Attorney wanted to **prosecute** him for robbery, but there wasn't enough evidence.

syn: try (as in a trial)

III If prosecute literally means "to follow," how do we get the meaning "press charges" from it? As a legal term, prosecute meant "to follow (a court action) through to the end." Gradually, it came to mean simply "take legal action against."



If you SHOOT, you PROSECUTE!

The mama duck leads her baby ducks

#### DUCT, DUCE

Latin DUCERE, DUCTUS, "to lead"

**CONDUCT** (kən'dukt) v. To lead; to oversee

L. con, "together," + ductum = to lead together

As the captain of the hockey team, Michael had to **conduct** afternoon practice.

syn: govern; run

**PRODUCE** (prō'dūs) v. To bring forth; create

L. pro, "forth," + ducere = to lead forth

Detroit **produces** more cars than any other place in the United States.

syn: make

**ABDUCT** (əb'dukt) v. To kidnap

L. ab, "away from," + ductum = to lead away from

The childless couple was charged with trying to **abduct** a little boy from his natural parents.

syn: steal

#### VEH, VECT

Latin VEHERE, VECTUS, "to carry"

**VEHICLE** (vē'ikəl) n. Something that carries

In 1900, gasoline-powered vehicles were almost never seen.

**CONVECTION** (kən'vek'shən) n. The movement of heat in a gas or liquid

L. con, "together," + vectus = to carry together

Mirages are common in the desert because the hot air rises, and this convection causes false images to appear.

#### TRACT

Latin TRAHERE, TRACTUS, "to draw, drag"

**ATTRACTIVE** (ə'træk'tiv) adj. Pleasing

L. ad, "towards," + tractus = drawing towards

The neatness of the house to her workplace was one thing that made it attractive to Beth.

syn: appealing

ant: unpleasant

**CONTRACT** (kən'trækt) v. To draw together; tighten

L. con, "together," + tractus = draw together

Water is the only substance that expands when it freezes; everything else **contracts**.

syn: squeeze

ant: widen; enlarge

**DISTRACT** (dis'trækt) v. To take someone's attention away

L. dis, "apart, away" + tractus = draw away

Liz was trying to read, but nearly everyone in the office was **distracting** her.

syn: draw away

ant: captivate

Also study:

Subl = to shout for joy

Hilar = cheerful

Frug, frui = to enjoy

Celebr, celebr = to celebrate, honor

Lud, Lus = game to play

Pliz, piez = to weave, to fold

Text = to weave

Veal, veil = to cover

Navahl = clock

Flashcards - 13 roots, 11 Greek & Latin + 5 PV words - 29 cards

On VEH & VEC to carry

The tractor dragged the plow