

UNIT SEVENTEEN

LONG

Latin LONGUS, "long"

ELONGATE (ē lōn' gāt) v. To make longer

L. e, "out of," + longus = to make something longer out of

The amoeba elongated itself so it could get through the tiny opening.

syn: stretch

PROLONG (prō lōng) v. To extend the time of; draw out

L. pro, "forward," + longus = to push forward longer

Each minute that Leonard had to wait for the package prolonged his nervousness.

syn: draw out

ant: abbreviate

BREV

Latin BREVIS, "brief"

ABBREVIATE (ə brē' vē āt) v. To make shorter

L. ad, "towards," + brevis = towards the short

The owner of the company abbreviated the meeting to catch a plane that was

supposed to leave in ten minutes.

syn: shorten

ant: prolong

BREVITY (brē' vī tē) n. Shortness

In the book on making a speech, Keith read that brevity is more important than

covering every fact about a subject.

DENS

Latin DENSUS, "thick"

■ The density of something is more than its weight. Density refers to how solid it is, how tightly its parts (atoms) fit together. That is why two objects that weigh the same might easily be different sizes: their density is different.

DENSITY (den' sē tē) n. Thickness

Jamaal performed an experiment that proved that two blocks of wood of different

sizes had the same density.

syn: solidity

CONDENSE (kən dens) v. To make thicker or shorter

L. con, "completely," + densus = completely thicken

The cement wasn't ready to be used until it condensed a little more.

syn: contract

ant: expand

MAC, MEAG

Latin MACER, "thin"

EMACIATED (ə mās' shē āt əd) adj. Very thin; starving

L. e, "very," + macer = made very thin

syn: scrawny

MEAGER (mé' gēr) adj. Not plentiful

Patricia's patents think that her weight is too low because she picks at her food

and eats only a meager amount.

syn: slight

ant: abundant



The hunter returned from his trip with only one MEAGER BEAVER.

TEND, TENT

Latin TENDERE, TENTUS, "to stretch"

ATTENTIVE (ə ten' tiv) adj. Interested and careful

L. ad, "towards," + tendere = stretching toward

No matter how sleepy my dog seems, if you have a biscuit for him, he's immedi-

ately attentive and alert.

syn: studious

ant: distracted

INTEND (in tend) v. To mean; to have in one's mind

L. in, "at," + tendere = to stretch at

What do you think Hector intended by that comment about the substitute teacher?

syn: plan

Getting good Macer (thin) will help you lose weight

Learn to stretch before work starts

Also study
Levi, Lever = light
to lift up
Brut = heavy
Press = press

Grav = heavy
Levi, Lever = light; to lift up
Brut = heavy
Press = press