

**UNIT SEVENTEEN****LONG**

Latin LONGUS, "long"

**ELONGATE** (ĕl'ōn' 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  
ant: condense, shorten

**PROLONG** (prōlōng') *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

**BREV**

Latin BREVIS, "brief"

**ABBREVIATE** (ăbr'ē 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"

**DENSITY** (dĕn' sĭ tē) *n.* Thickness  
Jamaal performed an experiment that proved that two blocks of wood of different  
sizes had the same density.  
syn: solidity

■ 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 weight the same might easily be different sizes: their density is different.

**LEV**

Latin LEVUS, "light"

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sizes had the same density.  
syn: solidity

**CONDENSE** (kĕn dĕns') *v.* To make thicker or shorter  
L. com, "completely," + *densus* = *completely thickened*  
The cement wasn't ready to be used until it condensed a little more.  
syn: contract  
ant: expand

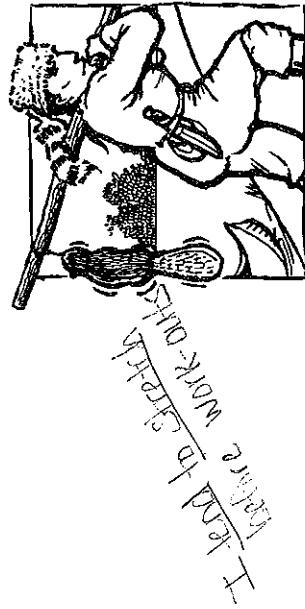
*Grain = heavy*  
*Lev, Lever = light; to lift up*  
*Brut = heavy*  
*Press = press*

**LONG***Long, long***MAC, MEAG**

Latin MACER, "thin"

**EMACIATED** (ĕmă' shă făt) *adj.* Very thin; starving  
L. *e*, "very," + *macer* = *made very thin*  
syn: scrawny  
macer entered French, its  
"c" became a "g." From  
there, it was just a short  
jump to the English  
meager.

**MEAGER** (mē' ger) *adj.* Not plentiful  
Patricia's parents think that her weight is too low because she picks at her food  
and eats only a meager amount.  
syn: slight  
ant: abundant

**LEV**

Latin LEVUS, "light"

heavy

+ to lift up

heavy

+ Brut

heavy

+ Press

press

Latin TENDER, TENTUS, "to stretch"

**ATTENTIVE** (ăten' 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 immediately 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