

UNIT NINETEEN

NARRAT

NARRARE, NARRATUM, "to tell"

NARRATIVE (na' re tiv) n. A story

just at the most exciting part of the story, Gramps stopped, but he told us that he'd pick up the narrative the next night.

NARRATE (na' re) v. To tell a story

The children's librarian was often called upon to narrate fairy tales to the Saturday class.

syn: relate

NOUNC

Latin NUNTIARE, NUNTIATUM, "to announce, report, say, speak"

PRONOUNCE (pro nouns) v. To speak in a certain way; say aloud

L. pro, "forth," + nuntiare = to say forth

Jenna had to look in the dictionary to figure out how to pronounce the word.

DENOUNCE (di nouns) v. To criticize; to blame

L. de, "down," + nuntiare = to bring down by speaking

The angry lawyer publicly denounced the judge.

syn: condemn
ant: praise

FABUL, FABL

Latin FABULA, "story, fable"

FABULOUS (fab' yo les) adj. Amazing; fantastic

Diana had such a fabulous time at Al's party that she decided to help him clean up.

ant: bad; poor

FABLED (fab' bold) adj. Legendary; famous

Valerie's fabled intelligence was the subject of many conversations at school.

■ Fabulous literally means "existing in fables or stories." Today, it means so wonderful or amazing that it seems unreal. The word has been used so often, though, that it has lost some of its power.

MYTH

Greek MYTHOS, "story"

MYTHICAL (mith' i kal) adj. Not existing in reality; made up

Even in modern times, many people believe in the mythical island called Atlantis.

MYTHOLOGY (mith ol' o jé) n. Group of stories associated with a subject or culture

Ty's favorite subject was Greek mythology because he enjoyed stories of gods, monsters, and heroes.

COUNT

Latin COMPUTARE, "to calculate, reckon, add up"

RECOUNT (re kount) v. To tell; to describe

L. re, "again," + computare = to add up again, retell

Every Christmas, Dad would recount the story of how his grandfather escaped from a prisoner of war camp during World War II.

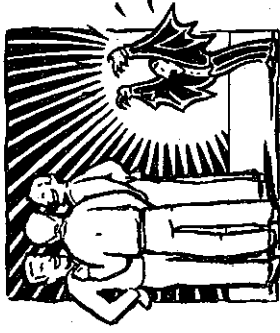
syn: retell

DISCOUNT (dis' kount) v. To put down; To say or believe something is not worth much

L. dis, "away," + computare = to count away, count as nothing

Maureen discounts Sam's opinion because he has been wrong almost every time in the past.

syn: dismiss
ant: value



We all DISCOUNT THIS COUNT because he's not scary enough.

I counted my money it added up to the true

The myth is a story thought to be true