

UNIT TWENTY

IDEAL
Latin IDEALIS, "perfect"

From Greek, Latin took the word idealis, meaning "perfect." If an idea of something is the perfect form of that thing, then something ideal must also be perfect. For instance, if Jessica is a perfect student, she matches every idea we have of what a student should be like. She is, therefore, an ideal student.

IDEALISTIC (ī dē' is' ēk) *adj.* Believing in the idea of perfection or a perfect world
Trent is so idealistic that he gives money to any organization supporting animal rights, even if he's never heard of it before.
syn: starchy-eyed *ant:* realistic

IDEAL (ī dē' y) *adj.* Perfectly suitable
At six feet tall, Leo is the ideal height for the lead part in the play.
ant: imperfect

IDEALIZE (ī dē' īz) *v.* To think of as perfect
Marsha idealized Scott so much that she was blind to the many faults he had.
ant: criticize

SCIEN
Latin SCIRE, SCITUM, "to know"

CONSCIENCE (kōn' shēns) *n.* The part of the mind which tells the difference between right and wrong
Janie found a wallet, but didn't return it, which made her conscience bother her all day long.

SCIENTIFIC (sī' an' tī' k) *adj.* Based on proven facts
Despite the many scientific discoveries made in outer space, many people continue to believe that man should never explore beyond Earth.

Also study:
Narrat - to tell
Nounce - to announce, report, say, speak
Fable, Fabul = story, fable
Myth = story
Count = to calculate, reckon, add up

Mrs. Knicey Knobs
a friend planned a perfect party, it was perfect!

SAV
Latin SAPERE, "to know"

SAVVY (sā' vē) *n.* Cleverness; understanding
The mayor's political savvy helped him regain the lead and win the election.
syn: know-how

SAVOR (sā' vər) *v.* To take time to enjoy
We savored the stew we had cooked over the fire, knowing we would not eat again before the end of the hike.
ant: rush through

CERT
Latin CERTARE, CERTIUM, "to decide, determine"
CERTUS, "determined, fixed, certain"

CERTIFY (sēr' tī f) *v.* To prove good or true; declare correct
The college needed to have its instructors certify that their college records were up-to-date.
syn: validate *ant:* question

CERTAINTY (sēr' tən ē) *n.* Something not in doubt
Out of the entire class, only two students knew the answer to the math problem with any degree of certainty.

CONCERTED (kən sēr' təd) *adj.* Done together; combined
The United Nations put together a concerted action by fifteen countries to try to combat world hunger.
syn: concentrated *ant:* scattered



I was bothered to decide the rules.

I know to save money for things I want.

Why does the Latin sapere have a 'p' while the words we get from it have a 'v'? To know the answer, you must know that both savor and savvy come through French before we English-speakers got them. The French verb meaning "to know," which comes from sapere, is savor. Savor and savvy are still very close to this French word.