

STAT, STAN

Latin STARE, STATUM, "to stand, stay"

STATUS (sta'tas) n. A condition or situation
Can you tell me the *status* of my application?
syn: position

CIRCUMSTANCE (sir'kam stan) n. Condition surrounding something; a situation

L. circum, "around," + statum = (events) *standing around*
The police wondered what kind of *circumstance* would make a man try to break into a jail.

CONSTANT (kon'stant) n. Something that stays the same
L. con, intensifier, + statum = *standing*
Vince felt that the only *constant* in his life was Thunder, his faithful dog.

STATIONARY (sta'shan ar ee) adj. Standing still; not moving
Mark preferred the thrill of the open road to his *stationary* bicycle.
syn: stable
ant: traveling, moveable



The paper blew away, but the desk STAYED STATIONARY.

Remember that some

prefixes can mean

"very" or "complete."

ly." A constant is

something that not

only stands, but stands

through everything it

does not change.

UNIT TWO

POS, PON

Latin PONERE, POSITUM "to put, place"

DEPOSIT (de'poz'it) v. To put down; to drop

L. de, "down," + positum = *put down*

The cab driver did not wish to *deposit* his passengers in the middle of the dangerous street, so he drove to the side of the road.
syn: deliver
ant: pick up

COMPOSITION (kom'poz'ishun) n. The makeup of something

L. com, "together," + positum = *put together*
syn: content

PROPOSITION (prop'oz'ishun) n. An idea put forth; a suggestion

L. pro, "forth," + positum = *put forth*

The President made a *proposition* to Congress to provide money to rebuild the nation's electric system.
syn: offer

OPONENT (op'oneint) n. One who goes against; rival

L. ob, "opposite, in the way of," + positum = *put opposite*

One by one, Darryl's *opponents* in the marathon race fell farther behind him.
syn: competitor
ant: ally

MAN

Latin MANERE, MANSUM, "stay, remain"

IMPERMANENT (im'per'manent) adj. Not lasting forever

L. in, "not," + per, "throughout," + manere = *not lasting throughout*

Few relationships last forever; most of them are *impermanent*.
syn: passing
ant: eternal

REMNANT (rem'nant) n. Something left over

L. re, "back," + manere = *to stay back*

The only *remnant* of the building that Sgt. Osbourne could find after the fire was a badly burned door.
syn: remainder