

UNIT TEN

PUT

Latin PUTARE, PUTATUM, "to think, determine"

Put your thinking cap on

REPUTATION (rep ū tā' shən) *n.* An idea held by the public about something or someone

L. re, "again," + putare = *to think again, to think over*

Many dogs have *reputations* for biting, but the fault is usually in the animal's upbringing and training.

COMPUTE (kəm pūt') *v.* To figure out an amount or number

L. com, "with," + putatum = *to determine with (calculation)*

Before there were calculators, people had to *compute* most math problems on paper.

syn: calculate

FID

Latin FIDERE, FISUS, "to believe, trust"

Fido trusts his owner

CONFIDENT (kən' fə dənt) *adj.* Sure; certain

The officer said she was *confident* that the robbery would be solved, and a short time later, it was.

syn: secure

ant: unsure

CONFIDANTE (kən fə dānt') *n.* Someone to whom one tells a secret

Even when Alicia was a teenager, she used her stuffed teddy bear as her *confidante* and told it every secret she had.

Week 10- roots begin again

SENT, SENS

Latin SENTIRE, SENSUM, "to feel"

I can't feel my feelings in a card

SENTIMENTAL (sen to men' təl) *adj.* Showing or causing a lot of emotion
The dress was probably worthless, but to Eli's grandmother, it had great *sentimental* value.

syn: romantic

ant: factual

SENSIBLE (sen' sə bəl) *adj.* Smart and practical

When the snow forced them to turn the car around, Mr. Kellmer reminded his wife that going up the mountain in the first place was not very *sensible*.

SENSATION (sen sā' shən) *n.* A feeling or experience

As the drug began to take effect, I felt a tingling *sensation* creep upwards from my feet.

■ You may also see *sensible* used to mean "aware" or "feeling."

The sentence "I was *sensible* of a very bad pain in my head" means that I felt the pain; "I was *sensible* and did not spend all my money," though, means that I did the smart thing and saved my cash.

CRED, CREED

Latin CREDERE, CREDITUM, "to believe"

I can't believe you stole street cred, grandpa!

INCREDIBLE (in kred' ə bəl) *adj.* Unbelievable

L. in, "not," + credere = *not able to be believed*

It seemed *incredible* to the teacher that everyone in class got the exact same answer to test question three, so she suspected cheating.

DISCREDIT (dis kre' dit) *v.* To take away belief or trust in

L. dis, "not," + creditum = *not believe*

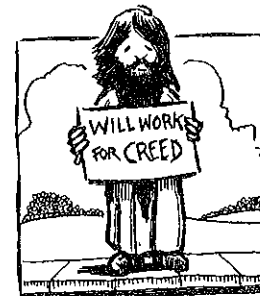
The car company tried to *discredit* its competitors by claiming their cars were unsafe to drive.

syn: reject

ant: support

CREED (krēd) *n.* A statement of belief

"Treat others as you would like to be treated" is one of the easiest *creeds* to live by.



The guy who didn't believe anything was in *NEED* of a *CREED*.