

UNIT ONE

Factum makes things

FAC, FIC, FECT

Latin FACERE, FACTUM, "to make, do"

III Be on the lookout for words with "fic," "fect," and "fy," as well as "fac" and "fact." All of these come from facere and mean "making" or "doing."

III You may have heard of petrified wood. The word petrify can simply mean "to turn to stone"; this is what can happen to living material, like wood, over thousands of years. When we use petrify to mean "to scare," we are saying that someone is so frightened that he or she cannot move and seems to be made of stone.

III Suffice literally means "to stand under, support," but we now use it to mean "be enough, but not more than enough." Therefore, if you hear someone say, "My paycheck will suffice," you know that that person has enough money to deal with ordinary purchases, but not enough to buy luxuries.

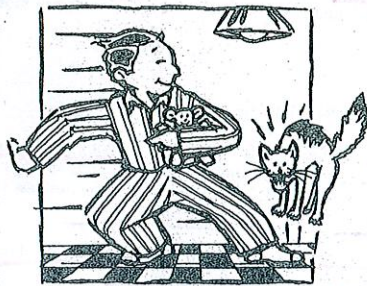
1) **FACSIMILE** (fak sim' ə lē) n. A copy; an imitation
 L. facere + similis, "like" = made like
 That edition of the U.S. Constitution was a poor facsimile that looked like it was made on a cheap copier.
 syn: duplicate

2) **DEFICIENT** (dē fish' ənt) adj. Not having enough; lacking
 L. de, "down," + facere = made down, made less
 Mom wouldn't let us buy the cereal because she said it was deficient in vitamins.
 syn: skimpy

3) **PETRIFY** (pet' rə fī) v. To scare; to frighten
 L. petra, "stone," + facere = to make stone
 The vampire movie petrified everyone in the theater so much that they were afraid to leave their seats.
 syn: terrify ant: comfort

4) **AFFECTION** (ə fek' shən) n. A feeling of love or liking; Tender feeling
 L. ad, "towards," + facere = to do towards
 Because Mary had a great deal of affection for Frank, she bought him a lovely farewell gift.
 syn: tenderness ant: disgust

5) **SUFFICE** (sə fis') v. To be enough
 L. sub, "beneath, under," + facere = to make or be under, support
 Betty didn't need any more friends; she felt that the ones she had would suffice.
 syn: satisfy ant: fall short



I'd rather skate on ICE, but tile will SUFFICE.

Action something done

ACT, AG

Latin AGERE, ACTUM, "to do, drive"

TRANSACT (tranz zakt') v. To carry out

L. trans, "across," + actum = drive across

The supermarket was closed, so Carrie couldn't transact any business there today.

syn: conduct

AGENDA (a jen' da) n. A list of things to do

L. agenda, literally, "those things which must be done"

Dimitri said that the meeting's agenda included a report on income and one on spending.

syn: plan

COAGULATE (ko ag' u lat) v. To solidify; to clump or clot

L. co, "together," + agere = to drive together

The snake kills its prey by injecting venom that makes its victim's blood coagulate.

syn: thicken

ant: thin

OPER

Latin OPERARE, OPERATUM, "to work"

INOPERABLE (in op' or o bol) adj. 1. Not working

2. Not able to be fixed or cured

L. in, "not," + operare = not able to work

1. Someone jammed something in the lock yesterday, making it inoperable.

2. The kitten's owner was relieved to learn that her pet's disease was not inoperable.

COOPERATE (ko op' or at) v. To work with; to be helpful to

L. co, "together," + operare = to work together

To win the final football game, all team members had to cooprate with one another.

syn: assist

ant: hinder

OPERATIONAL (op er a' shan ol) adj. In working order

The scientists found one minor problem in the robot, but most of the parts were still operational.

FUNCT

Latin FUNGI, FUNCTUM, "to work, to perform"

DEFUNCT (des funkt') adj. No longer working; no longer active

L. de, "down from," + "functum" = down from work, no longer working

The phone number I tried didn't work because the business was defunct.

syn: inactive

ant: working

MALFUNCTION (mal funk' shan) n. Something that goes wrong; problem

L. male, "badly," + functum = working badly

Theresa was the one who discovered the malfunction that made the computer stop.

syn: error

III Coagulate describes what some liquids or soft solids do over time, either with heat or because of a chemical reaction. Can you think of some liquids that coagulate?

operate - to work

function - perform