

### UNIT SEVEN

#### LITER

Latin LITTERA, "letter"

**LITERATE** (lit' ar i) *adj.* Exactly true, rather than figurative or metaphorical

Our teacher told us that the poem had much more to offer than just a literal message about a sunrise.

syn: actual

**LITERATE** (lit' ar i) *adj.* 1. Able to read  
2. Well-read

1. The library set up a tutoring program to help people who were not literate.
2. Susan has read over 2,000 books and is one of the most literate people I know.

**OBLITERATE** (o blit' a rat) *v.* To completely destroy

Cela's nasty note obliterated all the positive feelings that Marcel had for her.

syn: erase

#### LOG

Greek LOGOS, "word, speech, idea, reason"

**ILOGICAL** (i loj' a kal) *adj.* Not done according to reason

As the two debaters got worked up, their arguments became more illogical.

syn: irrational

**ANALOGY** (a nali' a je) *n.* Comparison

The professor tried to think of an analogy to explain the rotation of the sun.

**APOLOGETIC** (a pali a jet' ik) *adj.* Sorry; showing regret

The weatherman seemed apologetic about predicting clear skies the night before a nine-inch snowfall.

syn: regretful

#### GRAM, GRAPH

Greek GRAMMA, "letter, writing"

syn: write

**DIAGRAM** (di' a gram) *v.* To draw a detailed picture of; to map out

Not even the best students were able to diagram the solution to the math problem.

syn: sketch

*I need to write my letter*

*I wrote my Valentine from my letter*

**PROGRAM** (pro' gram) *v.* To train; to teach

We were able to program our home security system to notify the police within ten seconds of a break-in.

**BIOGRAPHICAL** (bi' a graf' a kal) *adj.* Describing one's life

The director's fifth movie was a biographical account of a famous jazz trumpeter.

#### SCRIPT, SCRIB

Latin SCRIBERE, SCRIPTUM, "to write"

**DESCRIPTIVE** (da skrip' tiv) *adj.* Giving details about; illustrating; explaining

Because the advertisement was not very descriptive, many people were confused about the product.

**SUBSCRIBE** (sub skrip) *v.* To believe in; to feel approval or agreement

Anyone who still subscribes to the idea that the sun revolves around the Earth simply does not want to believe the scientific facts.

syn: support

**MANUSCRIPT** (man' i skrip) *n.* A handwritten document

The poet decided to burn all of her original manuscripts.

*I need to write my script*



MAN, YOU STRIPPED THE MANUSCRIPT OF ALL THE IMPORTANT STUFF!

**MANUSCRIPT** (man' i skrip) *n.* A handwritten document

often written out or copied by hand, the word can also mean "a first copy of some thing." If an author types out a first version of a novel, it could be called a manuscript, even though it came from a computer.

*Roots Start again this week*