List #18

per-

pervade

(the distance around an object)

PER- =

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ver- / veri-

VER- / VERI-=

verdict

(the decision of guilt at the end of a trial)

noc- / nox- / nic-

son-

IDIOMS:

“caught red handed” vs. “hand in the cookie jar”

* Lindsay Lohan was caught red handed with bags of stolen designer clothing.
* Gene clearly had his hand in the cookie jar when Susan spotted him copying directly off his classmate’s paper.
* Susan clearly caught his hand in the cookie jar when she saw Gene copying directly off his classmate’s paper.

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| **Prefixes** | | | **Roots** | | **Suffixes** |
| a-/ab-  ad-  anti-  auto-  co-/con-/com-  contra-  di-  en-  ex-  hyper-  hypo-  in-/im- | | intro/a-  inter-  meta-  neo-  ob-  per-  peri-  pre-  pro-  post-  pseudo-  retro-  semi- | ami-/amo-  ani-  ben-/bene-  cap-/cept-  cide- cog-  cred-  culp-  dict-  dorm-  dub-  duc-/duct-  fort-  greg-  host-/hosp-  ira-  laud-  log-  loc- / loq-  luc- / lum- | magna-  mal-  mania-  mor- /mort-  noc- /nox-  pac-/ plac-  phil-  scrib-/scrip-  son-  soph-  somn-  spect-  tract-  trans-  trepid-  ven-  ver- / veri-  viv-/vit-  voc- / vok- | -age  -er/-or  -ist  -cian  -tion  -ity  -ment  -ify  -ate  -ious/ous  -ent/-ant  -al  -ary / -ery / -ory |
| **Idioms** | “cat out of the bag”; “sheep”; “lemmings”; “when it rains…”, “Murphy’s Law”,  “all’s well that end’s well”; “ergo”; “wrong side of bed”; “go to bat for”; “bring home bacon”; “breadwinner”; “until the cow come home”; “it ain’t over ‘til the fat lady sings”; “forte”; “Achilles’s heel”; “red handed”; “hand in cookie jar” | | | | |

1. perforate (v) / perforated (adj): to pierce spaced holes (usu. for tearing evenly)

* These days, many envelopes come with perforated edges, making them easy to open.
* The worms had perforated the book from cover to cover making the text unreadable.

1. perplex (v) / perplexed (adj): to confuse or baffle

* She was perplexed by her husband’s moodiness and proceeded to ask him questions about what cause the sudden change in behavior.
* To some, the topic of philosophy is so abstract that it is hopelessly perplexing.

1. perennial (adj): lasting or existing year after year for an almost infinite span; yearly

* There’s no doubting Devin’s perennial mistrust of the media.
* Figuring out how to balance the budge and deal with other fiscal difficulties each and every year has become a perennial problem in America.

1. verisimilitude (n): having similarities to reality

* Although the novel was a dystopia, it featured many verisimilitudes to our current society.
* He rejected the argument by claiming that the scenario bore no verisimilitude with reality.

1. veracious (adj) / veracity (n): truthful / accuracy; truthfulness

* As she was known to be a veracious soul, her word was taken as truth.
* His dubious nature led to everyone questioning his veracity.

1. verify (v) / verification (n): to make sure something is true

* Good lawyers corroborate verify witness testimonies with evidence.
* Later experiments serve as sufficient verification that Einstein’s theories were correct.

1. pernicious (adj): harmful (often in a subtle manner)

* Devin persistently warns us about the pernicious nature of mass media.
* The government had no idea of the pernicious effects of the hormones used to raise cattle, chicken, and swine.

1. nocuous (adj) / innocuous (adj): harmful / harmless

* Gluten appears to be a nocuous substance to some and an innocuous substance to others.
* Don’t worry. Inoculations contain only an innocuous strain of the virus.

1. noxious (adj): poisonous

* The crowd was overcome by noxious fumes and immediately evacuated.
* Carbon monoxide is odorless and invisible but extremely noxious.

1. nuisance (n): an annoying person, thing, or event

* My co-worker’s complete lack of social skills is becoming a nuisance.
* Devin found the constant Hollywood filming at UCLA to be a persistent nuisance that would block off large portions of campus.

1. sonorous (adj): rich and pleasant in sound

* This alloy is sonorous and used frequently in bell making.
* The sonorous hymns from the choir filled the church from pew to pew.

1. dissonant (adj) / dissonance (n): lacking harmony; unsuitable in combination

* Jackson Pollack employs both harmonious and dissonant color choices.
* People experience cognitive dissonance when they are ambivalent about an issue.

1. discord (n) / discordant (adj): a disagreement between people, sounds, or ideas

* Everyone likes the Joneses because they were a prosperous family who showed no signs of discord.
* The cultural anthropologist spent his career studying the discord between indigenous cultures and encroaching Western influence.

1. strife (n): an angry, bitter conflict

* The dispute caused a bitter strife within the community and divided it in half.
* U.N. Peacekeepers were called in to moderate tensions in the growing political strife.

Master List for Teacher

pervade

perennial

perfidy

perplex

pervert

perfect

perforate

permit

pernicious

verdict

verisimilitude

verily

veracious

veracity

verify

veritas

innocent

knock

nocuous

inoculation

noxious

nocebo effect (vs. placebo affect)

obnoxious

pernicious

nix

nuisance

sonic

sonar

song

sonnet

sonorous

assonance

consonance

dissonant

resonate

magnisonant

sonoluminescence

sound

subsonic