List #20

fid- / fed- / feal-

confidence

(a belief in yourself)

FID- =

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ten- / tain-

TEN-=

tenant

(someone who occupies an apartment)

seq- / sec- / sue-

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IDIOMS:

“bona fide”

* He bit down on the gold piece and discovered with delight that it was bona fide.
* Only bona fide members of the exclusive club are allowed to use that logo.

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| **Prefixes** | | | **Roots** | | **Suffixes** |
| a-/ab-  ad-  anti-  auto-  co-/con-/com-  contra-  di-  en-  eu-  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-  dom-  dorm-  dub-  duc-/duct-  fid-/fed-/feal-  fort-  greg-  host-/hosp-  ira-  laud-  log-  loc- / loq-  luc- / lum- | magna-  mal-  mania-  mor- /mort-  noc- /nox-  nov-  pac-/ plac-  phil-  sec-/seq-/sue-  scrib-/scrip-  son-  soph-  somn-  spect-  ten-/tain-  tract-  trans-  trepid-  ven-  ver- / veri-  viv-/vit-  voc- / vok- | -age  -er/-or  -ist  -cian  -ism  -tion  -ity  -ment  -dom  -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”; “finders keepers”; “eureka!”; “bona fide” | | | | |

1. confide (v) / confidant (n): to share a secret / a person you have confided in

* He confided his fears to his mother.
* Her sister was her confidant, the one to whom she told all her secrets.

1. fidelity (n) / infidelity (n): faithfulness to a person, cause, or belief

* The prosecutor sought only the strictest fidelity to justice and the law.
* Her infidelity continued after her marriage and ultimately led to their divorce.

1. infidel (n): a non-believer; traitor

* The dictator rounded up all of those who voted against him and jailed them as infidels.
* They wanted to secure the holy places from the infidels.

1. fealty (n): a pledge of loyalty given to a ruler or lord

* Some marriage vows include a pledge of fealty.
* He will not fight for Lord Renley as he has pledged fealty to another ruler.

1. perfidy (n) / perfidious (adj): deceitfulness

* You cannot trust such a perfidious rogue, a man who would betray even his best friend.
* Your acts of perfidy against the crown will earn you a lifetime in the dungeons.

1. tentative (adj) / tentatively (adv): not fixed or certain in placement

* He eventually tried a few tentative steps around his hospital room.
* We don’t know for sure, but let’s schedule our next meeting at 5pm tentatively.

1. vacillate (v): to waver back and forth

* I have for a time vacillated between teaching and journalism.
* The leaders vacillated and wasted precious time, allowing their enemies to regroup.

1. tenacious (adj) / tenacity (n): persistently persevering; determined

* If you are tenacious, you may realize a dream that seems impossible.
* You have to admire his tenacity even in the face of great obstacles.

1. tenable (adj) / untenable (adj): able to be believed, maintained, or held

* Simply saying “No” all the time is not a tenable stance in negotiations.
* When he complete his research, he discovered that his argument was untenable.

1. obsequious (adj): obedient; servile

* They were served by obsequious waiters who would obtain anything they asked.
* I would like your honest opinion, not just your obsequious compliments.

1. sequester (v) / sequestration (n): to isolate, hide, or hold

* The serious artist sequestered himself in his studio for two years until his work was done.
* The suspect’s property was sequestered and held until the outcome of his trial.

1. bane (n) / baneful (adj): something/someone that causes great distress or pain

* It is not a coincidence that the main antagonist in the last Batman film was named Bane.
* The depressions that haunted her frequently were the bane of her existence.

1. ensue (v): to occur as the result of an earlier event

* The day after the attack, a declaration of war ensued.
* They were still dealing with the difficulties that ensued after the lawsuit.

1. thwart (v): to prevent something from happening; to ruin a plan

* In every action movie, the hero always manages to thwart the villain’s plans at the very last moment.
* Road blocks thwarted their plans of escape.

Master List for Teacher

confidence

confide

confidante

fidelity / infidelity

federation

bona fide

fealty

perfidy

tentative

tenacious /tenacity

tendon

tenant

tenable

contents /contain

tension / tense

intense

distend

maintain

retain

continue / continual / continuation

sequester

sequel

obsequious

consecutive

consequence

subsequent

pursue

ensue

prosecute

-ism (the practice of)

sexism

racism

barbarianism

animalism

plagiarism

criticism

Buddhism

hypnotism