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-

-ism

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