List #22

nul-/ nil-

nihilism

(a philosophical belief that nothing matters)

NUL- /NIL- =

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corp-

CORP-=

corpse

(a dead body)

graph- / gram-

carn-

IDIOMS:

“null and void”

* The judge discharged the jury, rendered the $1 million trial null and void and placed everyone back to square one.
* All laws made before 1836 are probably null and void at this point.

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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-  cap-/capit-carn-  chron-  cide- cog-  corp-  cred-  culp-  dict-  dom-  dorm-  dub-  duc-/duct-  fid-/fed-/feal-  fort-  graph-/ gram-  greg-  host-/hosp-  ira-  laud-  log-  loc- / loq-  luc- / lum- | magna-  mal-  mania-  mor- /mort-  noc- /nox-  nov-  nul-/ nil-  pac-/ plac-  phil-  proto-  sacr-  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”; “in a pickle”; “null and void” | | | | |

1. annul (v) / annulment (n): to declare invalid or contractually broken

* The elections were annulled by the general amid renewed protests.
* Unfortunately, things did not work out between them, and she filed for an annulment.

1. nullify (v): to make useless, pointless, or invalid; to cancel out

* The Supreme Court in America has the power to nullify a law passed by Congress if it is unconstitutional.
* Insulin can block the release of the hormone and thereby nullify the effects of training.

1. nil (n): zero; nothing

* They beat us in lacrosse: three-nil.
* His chances for survival were slim to nil.

1. nihilism (n) / nihilist (n): a philosophical belief that nothing matters

* Whereas earlier rock musicians had proclaimed that love could make the world a better place, punk rockers embraced nihilism and voiced an extreme cynicism.
* Don’t put your faith in nihilists because they don’t have faith in anything.

1. corps (n): a group of people engaged in a particular activity (usually soldiers)

* Serving in the U.S. Marine Corps is an honor and a privilege.
* The press corps gathered around the podium as the President gave his speech.

1. corpse (n): a dead body

* The vultures picked the remains off the corpse of the jackal.
* There were mass graves containing hundreds of corpses.

1. corpulent (adj) / corpulence (n): fat bodied

* Being corpulent used to be a sign of wealth because you had money for excess.
* She disapproved of the corpulent body he had gained over the years.

1. corporeal (adj): having to do with the physical body

* In his dreams, he escaped corporeal existence and flew with the angels.
* Some abstract notions (such as love and thoughts) have no corporeal existence.

1. incarnate (n) / incarnation (n): embodied in flesh; in human form

* The artists depiction of a voracious oil monster represents America’s lust for oil incarnate.
* A cruel and powerful man, he was seen by many as the devil incarnate.

1. carnival (n): (1) a traveling amusement show; (2) a celebration before the beginning of Lent

* They all went on the rides at the carnival.
* Each year before Lent, Brazil and New Orleans throw a huge carnival so they can party before they show their religious devotion prior to Easter.

1. calligraphy (n): decorative handwriting

* It’s obvious from Devin’s illegible scribbling that he never studied calligraphy.
* The calligraphy on these wedding invitations is exquisite.

1. phonograph (n): an old-fashioned record player

* He had many obsolete anachronisms in his apartment. The phonograph was one.
* Many people delight in the subtle static sounds produced by phonographs.

Master List for Teacher

annulment

nullify

nil

nihilism

null and void

corpse

corpulent

corporeal

corset

incorporate

graph

graphite

calligraphy

hologram

lithograph

phonograph

photograph

geography

pictogram

paragraph

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carnivore

carnival

incarnate