

**The Great Gatsby Vocabulary List 4th/5th 6 Weeks:**

#	Prefix/Root/Suffix/Etymology	Word	Definition	Root Share
1	Latin Root: <i>ab-</i> "away from"  Latin Root: <i>oriri-</i> "be born"	abortive	ADJ. failing to achieve the desired result; not successful.  ADJ. fruitless, unsuccessful.	Abdicate, abduction.  Abortion, abort, origin.
2		banter	V. to speak or address in a witty and teasing manner.  N. speech which is witty and teasing.	
3	Etymology: from the Old English <i>burg, burh</i> meaning "a dwelling or dwellings within a fortified enclosure"; from Proto-Germanic <i>burgs</i> meaning "hill fort, fortress"	borough	N. one of the five main sections of New York City.  N. a village, town, or part of a large city that has its own government.	
4	Latin Root: <i>capit-</i> "head"	cadet	N. a student at a military school who is preparing to be an officer.	Capital, capitulate, chieftain, captain.
5	Greek Root: <i>cata-</i> "down, against, back"	cataract	N. a condition in which a part of the eye (called the lens) becomes cloudy and one cannot see.  N. a large waterfall.	Catabolic, catastrophe, catacomb.
6	Etymology: from the Low German <i>katerwaulen</i> meaning "cry like a cat"	caterwaul	V. to make a very loud and unpleasant sound.  V. to protest or complain nosily.	
7	Etymology: from Latin <i>cornic-, cornix</i> meaning "crow"	cornice	N. the decorative top edge of a building or column.  N. a decorative strip of wood or some other material used at the top of the walls in a room.	
8	Latin Root: <i>rug-</i> "wrinkle"	corrugated	ADJ. having a wavy surface; having corrugations (waves).	Corrugation, corrugate.
9		divan	N. a long, low seat that has no back or arms or only part of a back and one arm; a large couch usually without a back or arms often designed for use as a bed.	
10	Latin Root: <i>ether-</i> "upper pure, bright air"	ether	N. a liquid that was used in medicine in the past to prevent patients from feeling pain during operations.  N. the air; the sky.	Ethereal.
11	Greek Root: <i>eu-</i> "well, good"	euphemism	N. a mild or pleasant word or phrase that is used instead of one that is unpleasant or offensive.	Euphoria, euthanasia.

12	Etymology: From Latin <i>evadere</i> meaning "to escape"	evasion	N. the act of avoiding something that you do not want to do or deal with.  N. a statement or action that avoids directly dealing with something (such as a difficult problem or question).	
13	Latin Root: <i>fig-</i> "to form, shape"	feign	V. to pretend to feel or be affected by (something).	Configure, effigy, figment, fiction.
14		flounce	V. to move with exaggerated jerky or bouncy motions; to move so as to draw attention to oneself.	
15		harlequin	N. a comic character in old stories and plays who wears a mask and colorful clothes with a diamond pattern.	
16	Greek Root: <i>hedo-</i> "pleasure"	hedonism	N. the belief that pleasure or happiness is the most important goal in life.	Hedonistic.
17	Latin Root: <i>pet-</i> "strive toward"	impetuously	ADJ. acting or done quickly and without thought; controlled by emotion rather than thought.	Appetite, repeat, competition, petition, petulant.
18	Latin Root: <i>sequ-</i> or <i>secut-</i> "follow"	inconsequential	ADJ. not important.	Consecutive, sequitur, consequence.
19	Latin Root: <i>fin-</i> "end"	infinitesimal	ADJ. extremely small; immeasurably or incalculably small.	Finale, final, affinity, infinite.
20	Latin Root: <i>nu-</i> "nod"	innuendo	N. a statement which indirectly suggests that someone has done something immoral, improper, etc..  N. a statement which suggests something immoral, improper, etc.	
21	Latin Root: <i>sign-</i> "sign"	insignia	N. a badge or sign which shows that a person is a member of a particular group or has a particular rank.	Design, signal, signature, designate.
22		lethargic	ADJ. feeling a lack of energy or a lack of interest in doing things.  ADJ. of, relating to, or characterized by laziness or a lack of energy.	
23	Latin Root: <i>lev-</i> "lift, light, raise"	levity	N. a lack of seriousness; excessive or unseemly frivolity.  N. an amusing quality.	Levitation, alleviate, elevate, elevator.

24	Etymology: originated in the 1650s as the name of a soothing drink	lull	V. to cause (someone) to fall asleep or become sleepy.  V. to cause (someone) to feel safe and relaxed instead of careful and alert.	
25		mar	V. to ruin the beauty or perfection of something; to hurt or damage the good condition of something.	
26		murmurous	ADJ. filled with or characterized by murmurs; low and indistinct.	
27	Etymology: from Latin, <i>Narcissus</i> , from the Greek myth of <i>Narkissos</i>	narcissism	N. love of or sexual desire for one's own body or self.  N. egoism, egocentrism.	
28	Etymology: from Latin <i>nepotem</i> meaning "grandson, nephew"	nepotism	N. favoritism (as in appointment to a job) based on kinship.  N. the unfair practice by a powerful person of giving jobs and other favors to relatives.	
29	Latin Root: <i>ocul-</i> "eye"	oculist	N. a doctor who studies and treats problems and diseases of the eye (including prescribing glasses).	Ocular, oculus, ullage.
30	Latin Root: <i>per-</i> "thoroughly, through"	permeate	V. to pass or spread through (something).  V. to spread or diffuse through (like smoke in a room).	Perfection, pernicious, persistence, peruse.
31	Etymology: inspired by the Marquise de Pompadour (1756)	pompadour	N. a man's style of hairdressing in which the hair is combed into a high mound in front.  N. a woman's style of hairdressing in which the hair is brushed into a loose full roll around the face.	
32	Latin Root: <i>prodig-</i> "waste"	prodigal	ADJ. carelessly and foolishly spending money, time, etc..  ADJ. characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure.	Prodigal.
33	Latin Root: <i>punct-</i> "prick"	punctilious	ADJ. very careful about behaving properly and doing things in a correct and accurate way.	Acupuncture, expunge, punch, punctual.
34	Latin Root: <i>punct-</i> "prick"	pungent	ADJ. having a strong, sharp taste or smell.  ADJ. having a strong effect on the mind because of being clever and direct.	Acupuncture, expunge, punch, punctual.

35	Etymology: from <i>rake+-ish</i> meaning "debauched, disreputable"	rakish	ADJ. of, relating to, or characteristic of a rake; used to describe someone whose way of living is considered morally wrong.	
36	Latin Root: <i>ram-</i> "branch"	ramification	N. something that is the result of an action, decision, etc..	Ramose.
37	Latin Root: <i>ret-</i> "net"	retina	N. the sensitive tissue at the back of the eye that receives images and sends signals to the brain about what is seen.	Reticle.
38	Latin Root: <i>tort-</i> "twist"	retort	V. to pay or hurl back; return (like an insult).  V. to answer (as an argument) by a counter argument.	Contort, distort, extortion, torture.
39	Etymology: from Latin <i>rivus</i> meaning "stream, brook"	rivulet	N. a small stream of water or liquid.	
40	Latin Root: <i>rot-</i> "wheel"	rotogravure	N. a type of printing process for photographs which involves intaglio cylinders to print images for magazine and newspapers.	Rotation, rotunda.
41		shorn	V. (past participle of to shear) to have cut the hair or wool, etc., off (an animal); to have cut off a person's hair.	
42		silt	N. sand, soil, mud, etc., that is carried by flowing water and that sinks to the bottom of a river, pond, etc..	
43	Latin Root: <i>somn-</i> sleep	somnambulate	V. to walk when asleep.	Insomnia, somnific.
44		strident	ADJ. sounding harsh and unpleasant.  ADJ. expressing opinions or criticism in a very forceful and often annoying or unpleasant way.	
45	Latin Root: <i>subter-</i> "under"	subterfuge	N. the use of tricks especially to hide, avoid, or get something.  N. deception by artifice or stratagem in order to conceal, escape, or evade.	
46	Etymology: from Latin <i>sub-</i> "under" + <i>emere</i> "to take, buy"	sumptuous	ADJ. very expensive, rich, or impressive.	

47	Latin Root: <i>super-</i> "above, over"	supercilious	ADJ. having or showing the proud and unpleasant attitude of people who think that they are better or more important than other people.	Superb, superpower, supreme.
48	Latin Root: <i>trans-</i> "across" Latin Root: <i>-scend-</i> "climb"	transcendent	ADJ. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience.  ADJ. far better or greater than what is usual.	Tradition, transact, transport.  Descend, ascent, condescend.
49	Latin Root: <i>vac-</i> "empty"	vacuous	ADJ. having or showing a lack of intelligence or serious thought; lacking meaning, importance, or substance.	Evacuate, vacancy, vacuum.
50	Latin Root: <i>vigil-</i> "watchful"	vigil	N. an event or a period of time when a person or group stays in a place and quietly waits, prays, etc., especially at night.	Vigilance, vigilant, reveille, surveillance.