

Caesar's English I Stems

5th Grade Vocabulary List

Lesson I-Stems

Stem	Meaning	Modern Examples	Classic Word	Meaning
bi	two	binocular, bilingual, binary	countenance	facial expression
sub#	under	subterranean, subordinate, submit	profound	deep
de#	down	deduct, demolish, denounce	manifest	obvious
pre#	before	preposition, precede, predecessor	prodigious	huge
super#	over	superfluous, supernatural, supercilious	languor	weakness

Lesson II-Classic Words

Lesson III-Stems

Stem	Meaning	Modern Examples	Classic Word	Meaning
un	not	unfit, unclear, unequalled	serene	calm
inter	between	interstate, intermediary, interface	acute	sharp
semi	half	semitone, semilucid, semicircle	grotesque	distorted
dis	away	dispute, dissonant, dissuade	condescend	to patronize
sym	together	symbol, symposium, symbiosis	odious	hateful

Lesson IV-Classic Words

Lesson V-Stems

Stem	Meaning	Modern Examples	Classic Word	Meaning
circum	around	circus, circumpolar, circumlocution	exquisite	beautifully made
mal	bad	malcontent, malign, malapropism	clamor	outcry
post#	after	postgraduate, posterior, postlude	sublime	lofty
equi	equal	equation, equinox, equitable	tremulous	quivering
ante	before	antedate, ante meridiem, antepenult	allude	indirectly refer to

Lesson VI-Classic Words

Lesson VII-Stems

Stem	Meaning	Modern Examples	Classic Word	Meaning
aqua#	water	aquifer, aquaplane, semiaquatic	placid	calm
audi	hear	audition, audiology, audit	singular	unique
scrib#	write	transcribe, scribble, ascribe	amiable	friendly
cede#	go	antecedent, concede, intercede	incredulous	skeptical
cise	cut	precise, concise, decisive	perplex	confuse

Lesson VIII-Classic Words

Lesson IX-Stems

Stem	Meaning	Modern Examples	Classic Words	Meaning
cred	believe	credulous, credit, discredit	melancholy	sadness
miss	send	missionary, missile, admission	visage	the face
cide	kill	genocide, herbicide, fungicide	venerate	to respect
dict#	say	predict, dictionary, interdict	abate	to lessen
bell	war	rebel, belligerence, casus belli	repose	resting

Lesson X-Classic Words

Lesson XI-Stems

Stem	Meaning	Modern Examples
spec#	look	specter, specious, spectrum
pend	hang	pending, impending, depend
omni	all	omnipotent, omnivorous, omniscient
re#	again	reiterate, regurgitate, revive
ex#	out	exculpate, exorbitant, except

Lesson XII-Classic Words

Classic Words	Meaning
vulgar	common
traverse	to cross
undulate	to wave
vivid	bright
pallor	paleness

Lesson XIII-Stems

Stem	Meaning	Modern Examples
bene	good	beneficial, benevolent, benign
son	sound	consonant, resonant, assonance
nov	new	innovate, renovate, nova
sanguo	blood	sanguine, sanguinary, consanguinity
cogn	know	recognize, cognomen, precognition

Lesson XIV-Classic Words

Classic Word	Meaning
wistful	yearning
subtle	slight
sagacity	wisdom
remonstrate	to object
tedious	boring

Lesson XV-Stems

Stem	Meaning	Modern Examples
ject	throw	subject, dejected, interjection
dorm	sleep	dormancy, dormitive, dormant
magn	great	Magna Carta, magnum opus, magnanimous
ver	true	aver, verisimilitude, cinema verite
put	think	impute, computer, dispute

Lesson XVI-Classic Words

Classic Word	Meaning
articulate	express clearly
vex	to irritate
prostrate	lying down
abyss	a bottomless depth
martyr	one who suffers

Lesson XVII-Stems

Stem	Meaning	Modern Examples
archy*	government	matriarch, patriarch, hierarchy
bio*	life	biogenesis, exobiology, biomorphic
auto*	self	automatic, automaton, autocracy
chron*	time	chronometer, anachronism, chronic
dec*	ten	decade, decagon, decathlon

Lesson XVIII-Classic Words

Classic Word	Meaning
apprehension	fear
superfluous	extra
tangible	touchable
lurid	sensational
pervade	spread throughout

Lesson XIX-Stems

Stem	Meaning	Modern Examples
geo*	earth	geothermal, geophysics, geosynchronous
scope*	look	horoscope, electroscope, periscope
anti*	against	anticline, antibody, antitoxin
intro*	into	introduce, introspective, introvert
neo*	new	neologism, neoclassic, neonatal

Lesson XX-Classic Words

Classic Word	Meaning
genial	kind
stolid	unemotional
palpable	touchable
austere	bare
furtive	stealthy

* These stems came to the Romans from the Greek!

These words are taught in 4th grade.