

## Lesson 3. Wordbuilding With Latin Roots <sup>TH</sup>

In this lesson, we will be building words with the following Latin roots:

ROOT	MEANING
combusti	burn
dispensa	do without; dispense with
exhausti	use up
intelligi	understand
percepti	notice; perceive
perturba	disturb; excite
practica	put into practice; accomplish
reprehensi	blame
satia	satisfy
tena	hold; defend

**EXERCISE 3.1: WORDBUILDING.** On each line below, first insert the necessary root. Then write the complete word. Choose all your roots from the above list. The first two words have been built as samples.

	ROOT		WORD
1. im +	<u>practica</u>	+ ble =	<u>impracticable</u> <i>(not able to be put into practice)</i>
2.	<u>tena</u>	+ ble =	<u>tenable</u> <i>(capable of being defended)</i>
3.	_____	+ ble =	_____ <i>(able to be noticed)</i>
4. in +	_____	+ ble =	_____ <i>(not able to be dispensed with)</i>
5. un +	_____	+ ble =	_____ <i>(not able to be understood)</i>
6. im +	_____	+ ble =	_____ <i>(not able to be excited)</i>
7.	_____	+ ble =	_____ <i>(capable of being used up)</i>

8. \_\_\_\_\_ + ble = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (capable of burning easily)
9. in + \_\_\_\_\_ + ble = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (incapable of being satisfied)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ + ble = \_\_\_\_\_  
 (deserving to be blamed)

Here are the words that you were asked to build, listed alphabetically and accompanied by fuller definitions. Learn those definitions.

- combustible** (*adj.*)  
 kəm bus' tə bəl  
 able to catch or be set on fire and burn easily;  
 inflammable; ignitable  
*ant.* **incombustible; noncombustible**
- exhaustible** (*adj.*)  
 eg zōst' ə bəl  
 capable of being exhausted (used up completely)  
*ant.* **inexhaustible**
- imperturbable** (*adj.*)  
 im' pər tər' bə bəl  
 incapable of being perturbed (agitated or disturbed);  
 not easily excited; calm; cool  
*ant.* **touchy**
- impracticable** (*adj.*)  
 im prak' ti kə bəl  
 incapable of being put into practice; unworkable;  
 impractical; impossible  
*ant.* **feasible; practicable**
- indispensable** (*adj.*)  
 in' di spen' sə bəl  
 incapable of being done without; necessary; imperative;  
 essential  
*ant.* **dispensable; unessential**
- insatiable** (*adj.*)  
 in sã' shə bəl  
 incapable of being satiated (satisfied); always wanting  
 more; unsatisfiable  
*ant.* **satiable**
- perceptible** (*adj.*)  
 pər sep' tə bəl  
 able to be perceived (noticed through one or more of  
 the senses); detectable; discernible  
*ant.* **imperceptible**
- reprehensible** (*adj.*)  
 rep' ri hen' sə bəl  
 deserving to be reprehended (blamed or scolded);  
 blameworthy; censurable
- tenable** (*adj.*)  
 ten' ə bəl  
 capable of being held, maintained, or defended;  
 defensible; justifiable  
*ant.* **untenable**
- unintelligible** (*adj.*)  
 un' in tel' i jə bəl  
 incapable of being understood; difficult to comprehend;  
 incomprehensible  
*ant.* **intelligible; understandable**

**EXERCISE 3.2: LESSON WORDS.** In each blank space below, write the most appropriate boldfaced word from the left column, above.

1. Your idea is \_\_\_\_\_ . It will not work.
2. Certain odors that humans cannot detect are \_\_\_\_\_ to dogs.
3. Drinking water is \_\_\_\_\_ . We cannot do without it.
4. His reply was \_\_\_\_\_ . None of us could understand it.
5. Is your opinion \_\_\_\_\_ ? Can you justify it?
6. She is calm and \_\_\_\_\_ . Nothing seems to upset her.
7. Our oil supply is \_\_\_\_\_ . Some day it will all be gone.
8. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ cleaning fluid must not be used near a flame.
9. Hikers have \_\_\_\_\_ appetites, so take along some extra food.
10. Why should any of us be blamed? We definitely have not done anything \_\_\_\_\_ .

**RELATED WORDS.** Learn the boldfaced related words in the middle column below, together with their meanings.

Lesson Words	Related Words	Meanings of Related Words
combustible ( <i>adj.</i> )	<b>combustion</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	act or process of burning
exhaustible ( <i>adj.</i> )	<b>exhaustive</b> ( <i>adj.</i> )	thorough; leaving nothing out
	<b>exhaustion</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	extreme weariness; fatigue
	<b>exhaust</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	spent gas escaping from an engine
imperturbable ( <i>adj.</i> )	<b>perturb</b> ( <i>v.</i> )	trouble greatly; disturb
insatiable ( <i>adj.</i> )	<b>satiate</b> ( <i>v.</i> )	satisfy to the full; sate
perceptible ( <i>adj.</i> )	<b>perception</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	knowledge; understanding
	<b>perceptive</b> ( <i>adj.</i> )	having keen insight; observant
tenable ( <i>adj.</i> )	<b>tenacious</b> ( <i>adj.</i> )	holding firmly; stubborn
	<b>tenacity</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	stubbornness; courage

**EXERCISE 3.3: RELATED WORDS.** Fill each blank below with the most appropriate related word from the middle column of the preceding list. Do not use any of the related words more than once.

1. Al was tackled but held the ball securely in his \_\_\_\_\_ grip.
2. With wet firewood, proper \_\_\_\_\_ is impossible.
3. The noise was almost imperceptible. It did not \_\_\_\_\_ me.
4. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ search led to the recapture of the escapees.
5. Some have a craving for sweets that is impossible to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ from automobile engines pollutes our air.
7. Our museum visits have given us a better \_\_\_\_\_ of the past.
8. The fort did not fall, thanks to the \_\_\_\_\_ of its defenders.
9. I was so weary that I nearly collapsed from \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Dee saw the danger first. She is more \_\_\_\_\_ than most of us.

**EXERCISE 3.4: BRAINTEASERS.** Each line below ends in a partially spelled word. Fill in the missing letters.

1. Did you understand his reply? I found it \_\_\_\_\_ t e l l \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They wanted to know everything. Their curiosity was \_\_\_\_\_ s a t \_\_\_\_\_.
3. There must be no delay. Immediate action is \_\_\_\_\_ e r a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A smoky campfire is the result of poor \_\_\_\_\_ b u s \_\_\_\_\_.
5. You are very perceptive. I am not so \_\_\_\_\_ a n t.
6. The defect is so slight as to be almost i m p \_\_\_\_\_.
7. We must have clean air. It is \_\_\_\_\_ p e n s \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The invaders were hard to dislodge. They were t e n \_\_\_\_\_.
9. A miser's greed is impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ a t e.
10. We don't approve of what you are doing. It is \_\_\_\_\_ h e n s \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXERCISE 3.5: ANALOGIES.** Which lettered pair of words—**a**, **b**, **c**, or **d**—most nearly has the same relationship as the numbered pair? Circle the letter of your answer.

1. PERTURB : DISTURB

- a.* intimidate : encourage      *b.* vanquish : conquer  
*c.* squander : save              *d.* gratify : displease

2. DISPENSABLE : ESSENTIAL

- a.* feasible : practicable      *b.* intelligible : incomprehensible  
*c.* perceptible : detectable    *d.* insuperable : invincible

3. COMBUSTION : HEAT

- a.* monopoly : competition      *b.* friction : harmony  
*c.* indolence : promotion       *d.* ambiguity : doubt

4. REPREHENSIBLE : COMMENDATION

- a.* credible : trust              *b.* imperfect : criticism  
*c.* despicable : respect       *d.* pure : contamination

5. TENACIOUS : YIELD

- a.* kind : sympathize           *b.* frugal : conserve  
*c.* vindictive : forgive       *d.* gullible : believe