

Chapter 17 Derivative Worksheet

A. Read the derivatives, their definitions, and the example sentences. Then write the Latin ancestor and its meaning in the blank. *Note: in A10 the Latin word you know is just a close relative!*

1. **curious** inquisitive, eager to know *When Mother said I couldn't look in a certain closet until my birthday, oh, was I **curious**! It was hard to contain my curiosity.*

2. **curious** interesting because rare or odd *In this fable we meet a **curious** little frog who happens to be purple, and polka-dotted, and quite a gardener.*

(Word Detective: there's an old meaning of *curious* you may meet in old books. That meaning is *ingenious, or made with great skill and cleverness*—as in *a carved table of **curious** workmanship*.)

3. **curiosity** something interesting because rare or odd *Lucy's **Curiosity** Shop is full of one-of-a-kind old things at wonderful prices.*

4. **diligence** hard work kept up over time *When Mother and Father return they will know whether we slacked off or exercised **diligence** in our chores!*

5. **entrance** where one enters *We're to leave our muddy boots in the **entrance** hallway. ▪ Even the back **entrance** to the palace was magnificent.*

6. **entrance** coming in *The **entrance** of God's word gives light. ▪ Trumpets sounded at the **entrance** of the King and Queen.*

7. **explorer** one who explores *Dr. Livingstone was an **explorer** who was also a missionary. He was one of the first white men to explore central Africa.*

8. **gemology** the study of gems *The breastplate of the high priest was adorned with twelve beautiful gems. You will recognize their names if you study your **gemology**!*

9. **impecunious** lacking money *"If you like the idea of being **impecunious**," said Dad, "just keep on neglecting your studies."*

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10. **ornament** something that decorates or makes beautiful *A basket of pine cones is a beautiful winter ornament. We'll tie each pine cone with a gold or silver ribbon.*

11. **timid** fearful, hesitant, shy *God can make the timid soul bold and brave. • This little plant is a timid fellow. He hides all day, then peeps out his head for an hour at dusk.*

B. Choose the correct derivative for each blank from the list above the sentences. There are three groups.

curious curiosity explorer impecunious

1. We've been learning about great _____ in geography class. They discovered new rivers, new mountains, and unknown creatures of the sea.

2. Our teacher asked us to name some qualities a great explorer would need to have. Should an explorer be brave? Yes. And _____? Of course!

3. Many a traveller has returned home, pockets bulging with _____ to show to friends and relatives.

4. Others have died, _____ and ill, in a foreign land.

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5. Our _____ professor showed us a _____ stone with orange hollows and purple spikes.

6. I didn't fancy it much as an _____.! A prickly necklace it would make, indeed.

7. Learning the scientific name of each stone will require _____.

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8. Peter tells his readers that God will supply them an abundant _____ into heaven if they faithfully grow in grace.

9. Jesus is the door to God; what more glorious _____ could anyone desire!

10. Few explorers are _____—but some are foolhardy and reckless rather than nobly brave.