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Vocabulary Strategy

DICTIONARY ETYMOLOGIES

A word's **etymology** is its history. Learning about a word's etymology can help deepen your understanding of its connotations and derivations. .

A. Directions: Use the etymologies of the words in the chart below to predict the meaning of each word. Then, check your responses in a dictionary.

Word	Etymology
abstain	(ab • stan) v. [ME absteinen, fr. MF abstenir, fr. L abstinere, fr. abs-, ab- + tenere to hold]
felicity	(fi • li • sã • te) n. [ME felice, fr. MF felicità, fr. L felicitat-, felicitas, fr. felic-, felix fruitful, happy]
havoc	(ha • vøk) n. [ME , fr. AF, modif. of OF havot plunder]
rancor	(ran • kør) n. [ME rancour, fr. MF ranceur, fr. LL rancor rancidity, rancor, fr. L rancere]
vulnerable	(vøl • nør • bøl) adj. [LL vulnerabilis, fr. L vulnerare to wound, fr. vulner-, vulnus wound,; prob. akin to L vellere to pluck, GK oulē wound]

1. abstain: _____
2. felicity: _____
3. havoc _____
4. rancor _____
5. vulnerable _____

B. Directions: Correctly use each word below in a sentence.

6. *abstain* _____

7. *rancor* _____

8. *vulnerable* _____
