**Vocabulary from Classical Roots**

**Book E**

**Lesson 7**

**QUAERO, QUARERER, QUAESIVE, QUAESITUM (L)** “to seek,” “to search for”

1. **acquisitive:** (adj) Eagerly seeking to obtain things, wealth, or information.
2. **inquisition:** (n) 1. A prolonged inquiry or questioning, especially a harsh investigation on religious or political issues. 2. (capitalized) The special court of the Roman Catholic church in the Middle Ages to combat, suppress, and punish heresy, i.e., any belief varying from orthodox doctrine.
3. **querulous:** (adj) Complaining; irritable; peevish

**DUNAMIS (G)** “power”

**DUNASTHAI (G)** “to be able,” “to have strength”

1. **dynamo:** (n) 1. An electric generator 2. An extremely forceful, energetic, or hardworking person.
2. **dynasty:** (n) 1. Succession of rulers from the same family group or line. 2. A succession of influential people linked by familial, political, social, or cultural association.

**MITTO, MITTERE, MISI, MISSUM (L)** “to send”

1. **demise:** (n) Death, or the end of existence or operation of something
2. **emissary:** (n) A person sent on a special mission.
3. **premise:** (n) A proposition offered as a basis for argument. 2. In logic, each of the first two propositions in a syllogism

**MEREO, MERER, MERUI, MERITUM (L)** “to earn,” to deserve,” “to merit”

1. **meretricious:** (adj) 1. Attention-getting in a vulgar way; tawdry or tacky 2. Insincere; based on pretense or deception.
2. **meritorious:** (adj). Praiseworthy; deserving reward or esteem.

**PORTUS (L)** “harbor,” “gate”

1. **importune:** (tr. v.) To make repeated and insistent demands or requests
2. **opportunist:** (n) A person (or animal) taking advantage of any chance to achieve an end in a forceful or self-serving way.

**SUMO, SUMERE, SUMPSI, SUMPTUM (L)** “to take,” “to obtain”

1. **presumption:** (n) 1. Arrogance; excessive self-assurance; unbecoming boldness. 2.Grounds for belief; assumption or supposition.
2. **subsume:** (tr.v) To place in a larger category or under a general heading or principle.
3. **sumptuary:** (adj) Pertaining to or regulating expenditure, often for religious or moral reasons, usually relating to clothing or food.