

OBSCURE DERIVATIVES LIST

A List of Challenging Latin Derivatives and Their Roots

A

acer: eager, vinegar
acus: eglantine
aemulus: emulate
aes: era
aestimo: aim, esteem
aestus: estuary
aevum: age, eternity
ager: pilgrim
ago: agile, ambiguous, assay, essay, squat
aio: adage
albus: auburn, bedaub, daub
aliquis: hidalgo
alter: altruistic, adultery
altus: exalt, haughty, oboe
amarus: maraschino
ante: advance, ancient, avaunt, vanguard
aperio: overt, pert
aptus: attitude, couple, lariat
aqua: ewer, sewer
aquila: eagle
arcus: arcade
ars: inert
as: ace
asinus: easel
audio: obey
aurum: oriole

B

battuo: abate, battle, battery
bellum: duel, rebel, revel
bibo: beverage
bis: balance, combine
bonus: beau, bonbon, bounty
bos: beef, bugle
bullae: bill, billet, boil, budge, bullet
buteo: buzzard

C

caballus: cavalier, cavalry, chivalry
cado: chance, cheat
caedo: cement, chisel
caleo: caldron, calorie, chafe, chowder, nonchalant, scald, chauffeur

calo: conciliate, calendar, council, nomenclature
calvor: calumny, challenge
calx(heel): caulk/calk, cockatrice, inculcate, recalcitrant
calx(small stone): calcium, calculate, chalk
campus: campaign, champion
canis: canary, canine, kennel
cano: accent, charm, enchant, incentive
caper: cab, taxicab
capio: cable, caitiff, conceit, ketch, municipal, prince, recover
caput: achieve, cabbage, capitol, cattle, chapter, chef, handkerchief, precipice
caro: carnation, carnival, carrion
carpo: carpet, scarce
carrus: career, cargo, charge
casa: casino
castra: castle, chateau
castus: castigate, chaste, incest
cauda: caudal, coward, cue
causa: accusative, because, excuse, kickshaw
cavea: cage, decoy, jail
cedo: cease, necessary
cerno: decree, secret
cio: citation, solicit
cilium: supercilious
cingo: cinch, succinct
circus: search
civis: citadel
clam: clandestine
clamo: claim
claudio: cloister, seclude, sluice
cohors: court, curtsy, courteous
collum: accolade, collar
colo: cult
contra: counter, country
coquo: apricot, biscuit, cuisine, terra-cotta
cor: cordial, core, courage, record
corpus: corps, corsage, corset
costa: coast, cutlet, accost
crassus: grease
cratis: grate, grid, grill
credo: grant, miscreant
cresco: accrue, crew, increase, recruit
cubo: concubine, covey, succumb
culina: kiln
culus: recoil
cuneus: coin, cuneiform
cupio: covet
cura: assure, ensure, insure, proctor, proxy, scour

D

debeo: devoir, endeavor

decem: dicker, dozen

dens; dandelion

deus: adieu

dico(dicere): ditty

dies: adjourn, dial, diary, dismal, journal, sojourn

dignus: dainty, deign, disdain

do: betray, dice, dowry, pardon, render, rendezvous, rent, traitor, treason, vendor

domus: bedlam, damsel, danger, dungeon, granny, madam, Madonna

duo: dozen, dual, duet

E

ebur: ivory

emo: example, exempt, impromptu, premium, prompt, ransom, redeem, sample, vintage

eo: ambition, circuit, county, exit, issue, obituary, perish, praetorian, sudden, trance, viscount

extra: estrange, external, strange

exsul: exile

F

faber: forge

facio: affair, chauffeur, defeat, façade, facet, feat

fallo: fail, fault

fanum: fanatic, profane

fido: affidavit, federal, fiancé

filius: affiliation, hidalgo

filum: profile

tingo: effigy, faint, feign, figure

finis: finesse, paraffin

firmus: farm

fleo: feeble, foible

flo: soufflé

flos: flour

focus: curfew, foyer, fuel

folium: foliage, portfolio

for: fable, fairy, fate, infant

foris: foreign, forest, forfeit

formica: chloroform, formaldehyde

foro: perforate

forum: forensic

frango: frail, fritter, osprey

frater: friar

frenum: refrain

frigo: fry

frio: friable

fundo: confuse, funnel, futile, foundry

fur: ferret, furtive

G

galbinus: jaundice
gelu: congeal, jelly
genus: benign, engine, gent, germ, jaunty
gero: jest, register
granum: garnet, gravy, pomegranate
grus: pedigree

H

habeo: able, malady, provender
herba: arbor
Hispania: spaniel
hospes: host, hotel, ostler

I

iaceo: gist, joist
iacio: jess, jet, jetty, jut
ieiunus: dine, dinner
ilia: jade
instauro: store
insula: isolation
inter: enter, entrée
intus: denizen
iocus: jeopardy, jewel, juggle
iungo: jostle, joust, juxtaposition
iuniperus: gin(liquor)
ius(broth): juice
ius(right): justice
iuvo: aid, coadjutor, jocund

L

labor(verb): avalanche, collapse
lac: lettuce
lacertus: alligator, lizard
lacus: lagoon
lamina: omelet
lancea: launch
lassus: alas
latus(adj.): dilate, latitude
latus(noun): lateral
latus(participle): elate, prelacy
laus: allow
lavo: deluge, launder, lava, lotion
laxus: leash, release, relish
lego: coil, cull, legion, lesson
levis: carnival, leaven, levy
lex: loyalty

ligo: alloy, ally, liaison, rally, rely

locus: couch, lieu, lieutenant

longus: lunge, purloin

M

macer: emaciate, meager

macula: immaculate

magis: maestro, maxim, mayor

mando: commodore

maneo: manor, mansion, menial

manus: maintain, manacle, manure

mappa: apron, napkin

mare: cormorant, marinate, rosemary

maturus: demure

mel: molasses

memini: comment

mensis: semester

merx: market, merchant

metus: meticulous

minae: amenable, demeanor, promenade, promontory

minuo: menu, mince, minute

misceo: meddle, medley, melee, promiscuous

mitto: demise, mess, muss

modus: mold

molo: mill, molar

moneo: monitor, monster, monument, muster

mordeo: morsel

mos: morose

moveo: mob, moment, motif, mutiny

mulgeo: emulsion

murus: immure

mus: muscle, mussel

musca: mosquito, musketry

muto: molt

N

nascor: naïve, puny

necto: annex, connect

nego: denial, renegade

nepos: nephew, niece

niger: daniel

niteo: neat, net

noceo: innocent, nuisance

nomen: ignominy, nominee, noun, renown

non: nonchalant, umpire

nosco: acquaint, connoisseur, notion

novem: noon

nux: nuclear

O

obliviscor: oblivion
octo: octave
oculus: antler, eyelet, inveigle
odi: annoy, ennui
operio: cover, curfew, handkerchief
ops: copy, office
opus: inure, maneuver, manure
orbis: exorbitant
orior: aborigines, origin
oro: adore, oracle, orison
os(ossis): osprey

P

paene: peninsula
palleo: appall, pale
palus: pole, travel
pando: compass, expansive, pace, pass, passage, password, spawn
pango: dispatch, impinge, propaganda
panis: appanage, pannier, pantry
par: pair, peer, umpire
parco: parsimonious
pareo: appear, apparition
pario: repertoire
paro: dissever, emperor, parapet, several
pars: jeopardy, parcel, party
parvus: paraffin
pax: appease, pay
pectus: parapet
pendeo: append, appendage, pendant, pendulum, penthouse, propensity
pendo: avoirdupois, expend, pansy, pension, pensive, poise, pound, stipend
penes: penetrate
pes: impeach, pawn, pedigree, pioneer, trivet, vamp
pila: pellet, pill, platoon
pilus: peel, pillage, plush
pinna: pinnacle
piscis: porpoise
placeo: complaisant, placid, plea
plango: complaint, plague, plaintiff
planus: explain, piano, plan
plecto: apply, display, employ, pleat, ply, supple
pomum: pummel
pono: depot, expound, provost
populus: pueblo
porcus: porcelain, porcupine, porpoise
porta: porch, portico
porto: porter, sport
post: posthumous, puny
praeda: prey

prehendo: apprentice, apprise, enterprise, entrepreneur, impresario, pry, prison, surprise

premo: print, reprimand, sprain

pretium: appraise, appreciate, price, prize

prior: premier, prince

pulvis: powder

pungo: poignant, point, puncture

puppis: poop

puteus: pit

puto: count

Q

quaero: conquer

quails: kickshaw

quatio: cascara, cask, discuss, rescue, squash(verb)

quattor: quarantine, quarry, quire, squad

quies: acquit, coy, quit

quinque: quintessence

R

rabio: rage

racemus: raisin

rado: erase, raze, razor

rapio: ravage, surreptitious, usurp

ravis: raucous

rego: address, adroit, alert, dress, rail, source, surge

reor: reason

rex: realm, viceroy

rivus: derivative, rival

robur: corroborate

rodo: erosion, rodent

rota: around, control, enroll, roll, roulette, round, rowel

rumpo: abrupt, route, routine

S

sacer: sexton

saepes: transept

sal: salad, salary, sauce, sausage

salio: assail, exult, result, sally

scamnum: shambles

scando: scale

scio: nice

scribo: thrive

scutum: squire

sedeo: assess, assiduous, session, siege, size, surcease

senex: surly, seigneur

sentio: scent

sequor: ensue, intrinsic, lawsuit, obsequious, sect, set, sue

sero(join together): assert, desert, series

sero(sow): disseminate, season
servus: dessert, sergeant
sine: sans
sino: site
sinus: cosine
sol: parasol
solidus: soldier
solus: sullen
soror: cousin
specio: spice, spite
spina: porcupine
sterno: stray, prostrate, street
sto: arrest, cost, rest, stage, stay
stringo: distress, prestige, strain, stress
struo: construe, destroy
suavis: assuage, suave
sum: entity, possible, puissance
super: soprano, sovereign
taceo: reticent
tango: attain, contagious, entire, integrate, taste
tempto: tentacle
tempus: tense
tendo: portent, standard, tent
teneo: abstain, rein, tennis, tenor
tergeo: terse
tero: contrite
texo: subtle, tiller, tissue, toilet
tingo: stain, tinge, tint
tono: astonish, astound, stun, tornado
torqueo: extort, torch, tormentor, torture
torreo: toast, torrid
trabs: architrave
traho: entreat, portray, trace, treaty
tres: travail, travel, treble
tuber: truffle
tundo: obtuse, toil
turba: trouble

U

ultra: outrage
uncia: inch, ounce
unus: onion, unit
uro: combustion
utor: peruse, usurp, utensil

V

vaco: void

vagina: vanilla

vannus: fan

veredus: palfrey

vestis: travesty, vestry

via: convey, envoy, voyage

vox: avow, voice, vouch, vowel