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Teaching

WORD LIST

clarify expound

confide ingrained

disclose misconception enlighten

sage

exhibit seminar

Teaching occurs in many places—not just in classrooms. People take lessons to learn karate or ballet. A coach gives players useful tips on defense in soccer or basketball. A parent demonstrates how to make a meal. Coaching, advising, and helping are all forms of instruction. The words in this lesson are useful for situations in which teaching takes place.

- **1.** clarify (klăr´ə-fī´) verb from Latin clarus, "clear" To make clear or understandable
 - The presenter's chart helped **clarify** the points she was making. **clarification** *noun* The lawyer asked the witness for **clarification** of her statement.

clarity *noun* Students appreciated the **clarity** of the math teacher's explanation.

- **2.** confide (kən-fīd') verb from Latin com-, "together" + fidere, "trust" To trust someone with private or secret information
 - The actor **confided** his fears about the role to the director. **confidence** *noun* I am telling you this in **confidence**, so don't repeat it!

confidential *adjective* The winners' names will be kept **confidential** until Homecoming Day.

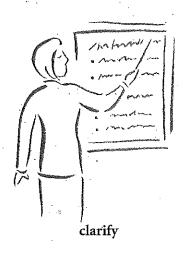
3. disclose (dĭ-sklōz') verb from Latin dis-, "away" + claudere, "to close"

To reveal or to open to view

• The reporter refused to **disclose** the name of the person who gave her the information.

disclosure noun Television viewers eagerly awaited the disclosure of the winner of the singing contest.

- **4.** enlighten (ĕn-līt´n) *verb*To inform or give new insight
 - The park ranger **enlightened** us about ways to prevent forest fires. **enlightenment** *noun* Great thinkers provide **enlightenment** on human problems.



Enlighten means "to cast the light of truth" upon something.

- 5. exhibit (ig-zib'it) from Latin ex-, "out" + habere, "to hold" a. yerb To show or arrange for public display
 - Jason and Lou planned to exhibit their science project at the fair.

b. noun A display

• The prosecution's first exhibit was the defendant's gun.

exhibition noun Nathaniel and Carmen went to see the art exhibition.

- **6.** expound (ik-spound) verb from Latin ex-, "out" + ponere, "to put" To explain in detail or talk at length about a particular topic
 - The candidates **expounded** on the need for a national employment plan.
- 7. ingrained (in-grand') adjective from Old French engrainer, "work into the grain"

Deep-seated; firmly imprinted or fixed

- An attack had **ingrained** a fear of dogs into the cat's memory. **ingrain** *verb* I hope to **ingrain** a love of nature in my children.
- 8. misconception (mis kən-sep shən) noun from mis-, "wrong" + Latin concipere, "to think of"
 A mistaken idea
 - The idea that scaring someone cures hiccups is a misconception.

 misconceive verb Because of his lack of communication skills, the candidate's excellent ideas for reform were misconceived by the public.
- 9. sage (sāj) from Latin sapere, "to be wise"
 - a. adjective Wise; showing great wisdom
 - Everyone listened to the man's sage words.
 - b. noun A person respected for experience and wisdom
 - The retired college president was considered a **sage** by his community.

sagacity noun We hope for sagacity in our judges.

- 10. seminar (sĕm´ə-när´) noun
 - A class or a conference held to discuss ideas on a topic
 - The association of physicians held a seminar on treating asthma.

WORD ENRICHMENT

Seeding knowledge

The word seminar comes from the same root as the word seed. When people give a seminar, they are causing knowledge to "grow." The Latin word upon which seminar is based, seminarium, means "seed plot," or "a place where knowledge is made to grow." The same Latin word is also the basis for seminary, a school where religious leaders—such as priests, ministers, and seminarians—are trained.

An *exhibit* can refer to evidence in a court of law.

When something, such as dye, is worked *into the grain* of a fabric, it is worked in deeply; likewise, *ingrained* beliefs and habits are very deeply held.