LESSON 13 – "Sports"

Tempus ludendi.
A time for playing.

Base Words

abject	concur	discourse	precursor
accelerate	conglomeration	incur	succor
celerity	conjecture	interjection	

CELER <Latin>"swift"

1. **accelerate** [*ac = ad* <Latin>"to" + **celer**]
    v.   To cause faster movement; to go faster.
    > Heat caused the chemical reaction to **accelerate**.
    > *Other Forms:* **acceleration**, n.

2. **celerity**
    n.   Swiftness; quickness; speed.
    > Atalanta, outrunning all but one who challenged her in a footrace, is a mythological example of **celerity**.

CURRO, CURRERE, CUCURRI, CURSUM <Latin>"to run"

CURSOR, CURSORIS <Latin>"runner"

3. **concur** [*con = cum* <Latin>"with" + **cur**]
    v.   1. To agree; to cooperate.
    > Conflicts arise when parents do not **concur** on methods of child-rearing.
    2. To coincide; to happen simultaneously.
    > In Shakespeare's plays human violence often **concurs** with storms and earthquakes.
    > concurrence, n.; concurrent, adj.; concurrently, adv.

4. **discourse** [*dis* <Latin>"apart, in different directions" + **curs**]
    n.   1. Conversation.
    > Before the advent of movies and television, lively **discourse** was a popular amusement.
    2. A formal discussion of a subject in speech or writing.
    > Published in 1543, Copernicus's **discourse** on the orbit of the sun provided the basis for modern astronomy.
    v.   To talk; to discuss formally in speech or writing.
    > Sometimes considered the most learned American woman of the nineteenth century, Margaret Fuller could **discourse** with scholars on both sides of the Atlantic.

5. **incur** [*in* <Latin>"in" + cur]
    v.   To meet with; to run into; to bring upon oneself.
    > The Greek hero Odysseus **incurred** the anger of the giant Polyphemus by poking out his single eye with a burning stick.
    > *Other Forms:* **incursion**, n.

6. **precursor** [*pre* <Latin>"before" + **curs**]
    n.   Forerunner.
    > The **precursor** of American baseball is the English game of rounders.
    > precursory, adj.

7. **succor**) [*sue = sub* <Latin>"under" + **cur**]
    n.   Help in time of distress.
    > The Red Cross, founded by Clara Barton in 1881, gives **succor** to victims of flood, fire, and famine.
    v.   To render help to.

To **succor** her needy family, Jo March writes stories for magazines and even sells her hair in the novel *Little Women*.

GLOMUS <Latin>"ball"

8. **conglomeration** [*con* = *cum* <Latin>"with" + **glom**]
   n.   A collection of unrelated things.
       At the flea market we sifted through a **conglomeration** of tools, lamps, jewelry, and clothing.
       Other Forms: **conglomerate**, n. and adj.

JACIO, JACERE, JECI, JACTUM <Latin>"to throw"

9. **abject** [*ab* <Latin>"away from" + **ject**]
   adj. 1. Humiliating and miserable.
       Slaves on their way to the Americas endured **abject** conditions in crowded, disease-ridden ships.
       2. Contemptible.
       Those who kill baby seals to sell their skins are **abject** in the eyes of animal lovers.

10. **conjecture** [*con* = *cum* <Latin>"with" + **ject**]
    n.   An opinion formed from inconclusive evidence; a guess.
        The number of galaxies in the universe is still a matter of **conjecture**.
    v.   To conclude from insufficient evidence.
        People have **conjectured** for centuries about the fate of the lost civilization of Atlantis.

11. **interjection** [*inter* <Latin>"between" + **ject**]
    n.   A word or phrase sometimes inserted between other words, often expressing emotion; a word not linked grammatically to other words in a sentence.
        "Oh!" and "Ouch!" are **interjections**.
        Other Forms: **interject**, v.

Familiar Words

adjacent	cursive	excursion	recurrence
corridor	decelerate	inject	

Challenge Words

accelerando	dejected	recourse	trajectory
cursory	projectile	subjective	