

## UNIT FOUR

### SANCT

Latin SANCTUS, "holy"

**SANCTUM** (sānk' tōm) *n.* A private place; a retreat

To be invited into the holy man's *sanctum* was considered the highest honor among his disciples.

**SANCTIFY** (sānk' tə fī) *v.* To make holy

The fifth of every month was *sanctified* as a day of remembrance and meditation.  
*syn:* bless

**SANCTIONS** (sānk' shəns) *n.* Something that forces obedience with a law or rule

The National Association of Methodist Priests imposed *sanctions* upon Duttonville United Church when the pastor refused to follow official policy.

**SANCTUARY** (sānk' tchōō ə rē) *n.* A place of protection

Because hunting was prohibited on the five-mile stretch of land, the forest became a *sanctuary* for all kinds of threatened wildlife.

*syn:* refuge

### DEI

Latin DEUS, "god"

**DEITY** (dē' ə tē) *n.* A god; a divine being

The priests warned that using the name of the *deity* lightly might bring disaster on the community.

**DEIFY** (dē' ə fī) *v.* To make into a god; to treat like a god

History has shown that while we should not condemn the President, neither should we *deify* him.

*ant:* abase

**THE**

Greek THEOS, "god"

**PANTHEON** (pān' thē on) *n.* A group of gods; a group of people so accomplished in a skill or field that they seem like gods

G. pan, "all," + theos = *all gods*

The new book on dance has an extensive section about the whole *pantheon* of French ballet greats.

**POLYTHEISTIC** (po lē thē is' tək) *adj.* Having several gods or deities

G. poly, "many," + theos = *many gods*

Some of the greatest artworks of the fundamentally *polytheistic* culture show the various gods feasting together.

**MONOTHEISM** (mo nō thē' izm) *n.* Worship of or belief in only one god

G. monos, "one," + theos, "gods," = *one god*

Judaism, Islam, and Christianity are all based upon *monotheism* because they have a single, all-powerful deity at their centers.

**CAST, CHAST**

Latin CASTUS, "pure"

**CASTIGATE** (kas' tō gāt) *v.* To criticize; to condemn

Sports fans around the world *castigated* the batter for his involvement in the scandal.

**CHASTENED** (chā' sænd) *adj.* Made less proud; humbled

*Chastened* by the failure of the plan she had spent months developing, Kathy took some time off to rethink her strategy.

**CHASTISE** (chas' tīz) *v.* To punish verbally; to scold

No matter how many times I *chastised* Dominic for leaving his shoes in the kitchen, he could not seem to break the habit.

■ The Latin *castus*, from which we get the word *chaste*, meaning "pure," has given us several English words relating to scolding or punishment. Why do you think this is the case?

■ A caste system divides people into levels based on their supposed purity or value. Your snobby neighbors, for instance, might consider their peers to be in a lower caste.