

## UNIT SIX

### CURS, COURSE

Latin CURRERE, CURSUM, "to run"

**EXCURSION** (ek skər' zhən) *n.* A brief pleasure outing

L. ex, "out from," + "cursum" = *running out from*

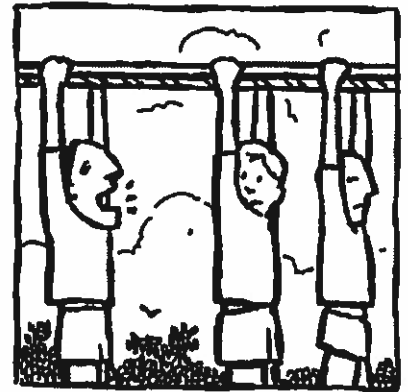
An extra week's vacation would give us time for an *excursion* into the mountains near our home.

syn: trip

**DISCOURSE** (dis' kōrs) *n.* Exchange of words; conversation

L. dis, "apart," + cursum = *running apart*

*Discourse* between the two sides was halted temporarily because of an outbreak of violence in the capitol.



The obstacle **COURSE** is no place for **DISCOURSE**

### CELER

Latin CELER, "fast, swift, quick"

**ACCELERATED** (ak sel' ə rā təd) *adj.* Made faster

L. ad, intensifier + celer = *speed*

The *accelerated* rise to stardom of a previously unknown actor was due in large part to his financial connections.

syn: quickened

ant: slowed

■ A volant animal is one that can fly. Most, but not all, birds are volant.

### VOLA

Latin VOLARE, VOLATUM, "to fly"

**VOLATILE** (vol' ə təl) *adj.* Changing often; unpredictable

The *volatile* political situation in the city made people so nervous that they were ready to flee to the country at a moment's notice.

ant: unchanging

**MOV**Latin **MOVERE**, **MOTUM**, "to move"**IMMOVABLE** (i mōv' ə bəl) *adj.* Impossible to move or changeL. in, "not," + *movere* = *not able to be moved*The housekeeper could not figure out how to clean the floor under the *immovable* chest of drawers.**MOBILE** (mō' bəl) *adj.* Moving; able to moveRita found herself in need of a *mobile* office when she started taking on clients who lived miles or even states away from one another.**DEMOTE** (dē mōt') *v.* To lower in rank or authorityL. *de*, "down from," + *motum* = *moved down from*Because of his failure to properly supervise the camp's children, Frank was *demoted* from Head Counselor to Assistant Counselor.*ant:* promote**FUG**Latin **FUGARE**, **FUGATUM**, "to flee"**FUGITIVE** (fūj' ə tɒv) *n.* Someone who is running away or escapingAfter the fire in the prison, two men escaped and became *fugitives*.**REFUGE** (ref' ūj) *n.* Protection or safetyL. *re*, "back," + *fugare* = *to flee back*The political activist, wanted dead or alive by the government, sought *refuge* in the home of some of her supporters.*syn:* sanctuary**SUBTERFUGE** (sub' tər fūj) *n.* Trick; act of deceptionL. *subter*, "secretly" + *fugare* = *to flee secretly*In order to increase slow sales, Simon employed a *subterfuge* that involved claiming success where there had been none.*syn:* trickery

■ *Fugitive* often describes something or someone who is being chased; it can also, however, mean "something that goes away quickly" or "something passing." Thus, you can have fugitive feelings of remorse for stealing the cookie, but then convince yourself that it was worth it.