ROOT OF THE DAY

ven / vent — *Latin venire (to come), past participle ventus, and conventio (a coming together, an agreement) · "come"*

convene — con- (together) + venire (to come) = come together; hence to call a formal meeting
intervene — inter- (between) + venire (to come) = come between; hence step in to prevent or alter a result
supervene — super- (over, on top) + venire (to come) = come on top of what already exists; hence occur later and change the situation
covenant — Old French covenir, from Latin convenire (come together, agree) = parties coming together in a binding promise
advent — Latin adventus: ad- (to) + ventus (come) = a coming to; hence the arrival of something important
venue — Old French venue (a coming), from venir (to come) = the place people come to; (law) the place where a case is heard
convention — Latin conventio: con- (together) + vent (come) = a coming together; hence an assembly, an agreed practice or a treaty

POWER WORDS

covenant *n.*
"The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights binds each State Party to respect the rights it lists for everyone within its territory."
Meaning: a solemn, binding agreement or promise; (law) a clause in a deed or contract obliging a party to do or not to do something
Syn: pact, compact, undertaking · **Ant:** breach, repudiation
HOOK: co (together) + ven (come): parties come together and bind themselves by a covenant

convene *v.*
"The Governor convened a special session of the Assembly to pass the flood-relief bill before the monsoon ended."
Meaning: to call people together for a formal meeting; (of a body) to come together for one
Syn: summon, assemble, convoke · **Ant:** dissolve, disband
HOOK: con (together) + ven (come): the convener makes members come together

disgorge *v.*
"The regulator ordered the promoters to disgorge the profits they had made by trading on unpublished price-sensitive information."
Meaning: to give up money or property that was wrongfully obtained; to pour out or discharge
Syn: surrender, hand over, yield · **Ant:** retain, withhold
HOOK: dis (out) + gorge (throat): made to spit out what was swallowed

obtrude *v.*
"The presiding officer warned the members not to obtrude their personal grievances into a debate on the budget."
Meaning: to push oneself or one's opinions forward in an unwelcome way; to become noticeable in an unwelcome way
Syn: impose, intrude, thrust · **Ant:** withdraw, recede
HOOK: ob (in front) + trudere (to thrust): thrust in front of others uninvited

debar *v.*
"The university debarred the candidate from the next two examinations for using unfair means."
Meaning: to exclude or prohibit someone officially from doing or having something
Syn: bar, exclude, disqualify · **Ant:** admit, permit
HOOK: de + bar: a bar is placed across the path, so you are debarred

supervene *v.*
"The contract was discharged when a supervening ban on exports, imposed after it was signed, made delivery impossible."
Meaning: to occur later as an interruption or change, especially one that alters the existing situation
Syn: ensue, arise, follow · **Ant:** precede, antecede
HOOK: super (on top) + ven (come): an event that comes on top of the deal; supervening impossibility frustrates a contract

intervene *v.*
"The Supreme Court declined to intervene, holding that the scheduling of polls lay within the Election Commission's domain."
Meaning: to come between so as to prevent or change a result; (law) to join a pending case as a third party
Syn: step in, interpose, mediate · **Ant:** abstain, stand aside
HOOK: inter (between) + ven (come): one who comes between two parties intervenes

stultify *v.*
"Endless adjournments stultify the very purpose of a summary trial, which is meant to be quick."
Meaning: to make an effort or purpose useless or ineffective; to make someone appear foolish
Syn: frustrate, stifle, nullify · **Ant:** invigorate, further
HOOK: Latin stultus (foolish): stultify makes a plan look foolish and useless

denude *v.*
"Illegal sand mining has denuded the riverbanks of the vegetation that once held the soil in place."
Meaning: to strip something of its covering, such as vegetation or clothing; to deprive of a possession
Syn: strip, bare, divest · **Ant:** cover, clothe
HOOK: de (completely) + nudus (naked): left completely bare

redound *v.*
"A steady fall in pendency will redound to the credit of the new e-filing system."
Meaning: to contribute to or have a consequence for someone, usually in 'redound to the credit/benefit of'
Syn: contribute, conduce, accrue to · **Ant:** detract from
HOOK: Latin redundare (to overflow): the result overflows back to your credit

CONFUSABLE PAIRS — DON'T MIX THESE UP

intervene *vs* **interfere**
intervene: to come between in order to settle, prevent or change something, often properly
interfere: to meddle in another's affairs without right or welcome; to obstruct
TIP: A court INTERVENES to protect a right; a busybody INTERFERES. Intervention can be lawful; interference is unwelcome.

venue *vs* **avenue**
venue: the place where an event is held or a case is tried
avenue: a broad tree-lined road; a way of approaching a problem
TIP: The VENUE is where you arrive; an AVENUE is the road (or route) you take to get there.

covenant *vs* **convent**
covenant: a binding agreement or promise; a clause in a deed
convent: a community of nuns, or the building they live in
TIP: Both come from convenire, to come together: parties come together in a COVENANT, nuns in a CONVENT.

forbear *vs* **forebear**
forbear: (verb) to refrain or hold back from doing something
forebear: (noun) an ancestor; one who came before
TIP: FORE-bear has FORE (before), like an ancestor who came before you; you FORBEAR FROM acting.

IDIOMS & ONE-WORD SUBSTITUTION

Idioms in context

- **to come to a head** — to reach a crisis point at which something must be done
  "The long dispute over unpaid salaries came to a head when the staff refused to open the counters."
- **to come clean** — to tell the whole truth, especially about something one has hidden
  "Faced with the audit report, the treasurer came clean about the missing funds."

One-word substitution

- a person who calls a meeting together and usually presides over it → **convener**
- the minimum number of members who must be present for a meeting to transact business validly → **quorum**
- a person authorised to act or vote on behalf of another → **proxy**
- a right to keep possession of another's property until a debt owed b person is paid → **lien**

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- **to come full circle** — to return to the position or situation where one started
  "With the new bench restoring the older view, the law on the point has come full circle."
- **to come to terms with** — to accept a difficult situation and learn to live with it
  "Farmers in the district are still coming to terms with the loss of an entire season's crop."

- the right to use and enjoy the fruits of another's property without damaging or destroying it → **usufruct**

WORDS IN THE WILD — FROM TODAY'S NEWSPAPER

- **unanimous** — (of a decision or vote) agreed to by everyone involved, with no one dissenting
  "According to the RBI's own press release, the Monetary Policy Statement, 2026-27 — Resolution of the Monetary Policy Committee, October 5 to 7, 2026, the decision on the rate was unanimous." — *CLAT Gurukul daily brief (RBI MPC raises repo rate to 5.50%, calibrated tightening), 8 Oct 2026*
- **psychometrics** — the science of measuring mental abilities, knowledge and aptitude, especially the design and analysis of tests
  "The committee recommended that the NTA hire its own permanent specialists in psychometrics, examination security, digital infrastructure and data analytics." — *CLAT Gurukul daily brief (Parliamentary panel's 382nd report on NTA reforms), 11 Oct 2026*
- **consular** — relating to a consul or consulate, the officials who protect and assist a country's citizens abroad
  "New Delhi's response came through the MEA, the ministry responsible for consular protection of Indian nationals abroad." — *CLAT Gurukul daily brief (attack on MT On Peace in the Strait of Hormuz), 7 Oct 2026*
- **captive** — (of power, supply or a market) produced for and used only by the owner's own unit, not sold to others; held prisoner
  "An SMR could meet the captive needs of a single facility or a group of industrial units, depending on design, regulation and the commercial model." — *CLAT Gurukul daily brief (AEC chief on private nuclear investment), 12 Oct 2026*

LEGAL & LATIN TERMS EVERY ASPIRANT MUST KNOW

- **venire de novo** — 'that it come anew': an order for a completely fresh trial because the first was fundamentally defective
- **venire facias** — 'that you cause to come': a writ directing the sheriff to summon persons to serve as jurors
- **conventio vincit legem** — agreement prevails over the law; parties may by contract displace a rule that is not mandatory
- **modus et conventio vincunt legem** — custom and agreement override the (default) law
- **caveat venditor** — let the seller beware; the seller bears responsibility for defects (the opposite of caveat emptor)
- **proprio motu** — on its own motion; acting without an application by any party
- **ex facie** — on the face of it; apparent from the document itself without outside evidence
- **simpliciter** — simply, without qualification or condition (e.g. a bare denial simpliciter)
- **in perpetuum** — forever; for all time (e.g. a restraint in perpetuum)
- **animus revertendi** — the intention or habit of returning; a tamed animal that habitually returns remains its owner's property

RECALL CHECK — WORDS FROM EARLIER

sanction (learnt 7 days ago) — meaning: _____

truncate (learnt 21 days ago) — meaning: _____

rapprochement (learnt 45 days ago) — meaning: _____

PRACTICE DRILL

1. The sale deed contained a restrictive ____ forbidding the buyer from building more than two storeys on the plot.
A) convention · B) convent · C) covenant · D) advent

2. Choose the word closest in meaning to SUPERVENE.
A) occur later and change the situation · B) supervise closely · C) come before in time · D) overrule a decision

3. Finding the first trial fatally flawed, the appellate court set aside the verdict and ordered a completely fresh trial, that is, a ____.
A) caveat venditor · B) ex facie · C) in perpetuum · D) venire de novo

4. The consumer commission held that a builder who took the flat-buyers' money and abandoned the project must ____ the whole amount with interest.
A) obtrude · B) disgorge · C) denude · D) stultify

5. Which sentence uses every word correctly?
A) The Speaker refused to intervene in the quarrel between the two members. · B) The nuns had lived in the covenant for forty years. · C) The organisers changed the avenue of the concert at the last minute. · D) Too few members came, so the meeting lacked a lien and was adjourned.

6. After months of quiet resentment over unpaid salaries, the staff's grievances finally ____ when the union called a strike.
A) came clean · B) came full circle · C) came to a head · D) came to terms with

7. In 'An SMR could meet the captive needs of a single facility', CAPTIVE means:
A) held as a prisoner · B) produced for and used only by the owner's own unit · C) fascinated by something · D) imported from abroad

8. Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to DENUDE.
A) strip · B) bare · C) divest · D) cover

Answer key: 1-C · 2-A · 3-D · 4-B · 5-A · 6-C · 7-B · 8-D

ETYMOLOGY TRAIL

From Latin venire, to come, come the venue we come to, the advent of what arrives and the convention where delegates come together. A Governor convenes the House, a court intervenes between parties, a ban that comes on top of a contract supervenes, and parties who come together in good faith sign a **covenant***. Beside them, a wrongdoer is made to* **disgorge** *his gains, adjournments* **stultify** *a trial, members* **obtrude** *grievances, sand mining denudes riverbanks, cheats are debarred, and reform redounds to a system's credit. In the news: a unanimous MPC vote, psychometrics for the NTA, consular protection for seafarers and the captive needs of small reactors.*

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