Each of the following short passages contains an English derivative of one of the Latin words in this stage’s vocabulary. Read each one, and then read it again. After you have, please…

- label the part of speech of the derivative.
- provide its Latin root.
- offer a definition – not a synonym! – based on its context and the above information you provide.

(If you wish, you may find it helpful to underline context clues or jot down some observations you might have in the margins.)

To check your work, please use Merriam-Webster’s LearnersDictionary.com.

1. acclaim

“The Brie Larson had just finished a day of shooting ‘Kong: Skull Island’ in Australia when she learned she was an Oscar nominee, the latest high in what has been a buoyant and transformative awards season for the 26-year-old Sacramento-born actress.” (“Oscars 2016: Brie Larson Rides a Wave of Acclaim with a Lead Actress Nomination for ‘Room’,” Rebecca Keegan, The Los Angeles Times, Jan. 15, 2016)

“Leading satellite operator Eutelsat is acclaiming the 2016 version of its awards as showing the vibrancy of the TV market and the commitment of TV professionals to produce content that captivates audiences globally.” (“Angola, France, Germany, Italy, Jordan, Poland, Russia, Senegal & UK Channels Scoop Eutelsat Awards,” RapidTVNews.com, Nov. 26, 2016)

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\[\text{Did I check my work? ____} \]

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2. circumspect

“There is also a novelty factor. American presidents, aware that their words carry gravity and consequence worldwide, are typically circumspect in their remarks, opting for dry statements and withholding major proposals until a legislative or legal framework is in place. Mr. Trump seems to relish doing the opposite, as he did throughout the election season.” (“If Trump Tweets It, Is It News? A Quandary for the News Media,” Michael M. Grynbaum and Sydney Ember, The New York Times, Nov. 29, 2016)

*Hint: The English word circumspect is not a verb!*

3. declaim

“Thomas Jefferson, too, had his law career disrupted by a fear of public speaking. One of his biographers notes that if he tried to declaim loudly, his voice would ‘sink in his throat.’” (“Performance Anxiety in Great Performers: What Hugh Grant, Gandhi, and Thomas Jefferson Have in Common,” Scott Stossel, The Atlantic, Jan./Feb. 2014)

4. deride

“Christopher Marlowe is a 16th century British poet and playwright. The extent of his possible influence on (or even collaboration with) William Shakespeare is the subject of much academic scholarship, as NPR has reported, but for many years, mainstream academics had mostly derided efforts of independent scholars who challenged the authorship of plays attributed to Shakespeare.” (“Christopher Marlowe Officially Credited as Co-Author of Three Shakespeare Plays,” Rebecca Hersher, NPR.org, Oct. 24, 2016)

5. improvident

“Small-pox is doubtless uncommon among that class of people who burn gas for light in our cities, because they generally have sufficient intelligence and forethought to attend to the vaccination of their families, and its ravages are almost wholly confined to that improvident class who make no provision against the small-pox, or anything else in the future, and who live by the light of burning fluid.” (“Get Vaccinated: March 1860,” in “100 Years Ago: Madame Curie’s Research,” Daniel C. Schlenoff, Scientific American, Mar. 1, 2010)
6. insurgent

“Pro-Russian insurgents defiantly refused Friday to surrender their weapons or give up government buildings in eastern Ukraine, despite a diplomatic accord reached in Geneva and overtures from the government in Kiev.” (“Diplomacy doesn’t move insurgents in Ukraine,” Nataliya Vasilyeva and Peter Leonard, The Associated Press, Apr. 18, 2014)

7. irate

“Shimon Peres was on the line, irate. The Jerusalem Post, of which I was then the editor, had published a front-page story on a government bill without, he said, reporting on what he, as leader of the opposition, had to say on the matter. So scalding was the rebuke that it was all I could do to mumble that he was mistaken. We had quoted him extensively—after the jump.

“The jump?”
“The inside pages. The article was too long to run on the front page.”
“I see. I’ll look.”


8. magnanimous

“Yesterday, the positions were switched – the horse called Peeping Fawn easily beat the other one, known as Light Shift, by 3½ lengths here in the Irish Oaks – and Henry Cecil, though disappointed, at least got a chance to be the magnanimous one.

“His opponent, Aidan O’Brien, was surrounded on all sides by the press pack as he basked in the winner’s enclosure but Cecil, who generally does whatever he can to minimise contact with the media, fought his way through to place a congratulatory hand on the winning trainer’s shoulder. Smiling, he told O’Brien: ‘On the day, the best filly won. But I hope there’ll be another day.’” (“Light Fades to Leave Cecil Magnanimous in Defeat,” Chris Cook, The Guardian, July 16, 2007)