**Vocabulary List #9**

Test on Friday, February 23rd

**Roots:**

**Fac/Fic/Fect**—to make, be or do

**Vict**—to conquer

1. **Deficient** (adjective)—not having enough, lacking

Melvin had problems holding a job because he was *deficient* in brain cells.

1. **Prolific** (adjective)— present in large numbers or quantities; plentiful.

Melvin’s mistakes were so *prolific* that when he did something right, his friends threw him a parade.

3. **Aficionado** (noun)-- a person who is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about an

activity, subject, or pastime

Martha is a true *aficionado* of underwater hula hoop competitions.

4. **Suffice** (verb)—to be enough

Melvin didn’t need any more friends; he felt that the one he had would *suffice*.

5**. Convict** (verb)—to find guilty

Despite the tremendous evidence against him, Dirk wouldn’t admit that he committed the crime; the jury *convicted* him anyway.

6. **Victorious** (adjective)—winning or succeeding

Helen was proud that she was *victorious* in the statewide spelling bee.

7. **Evict**—(verb) to force to leave

After receiving ear wax for Valentine’s Day from Melvin for the fifth year in a row, Martha’s family tried to convince her to *evict* him from her life.

8. **Victimize** (verb)— To make a victim of; use as a sacrifice

Melvin’s boa constrictor often *victimized* Martha’s pet birds.

**Bonus:** Modus Operandi—(Latin) a particular way or method of doing something, esp. one that is done often

(also known as MO)

Melvin’s *modus operandi* was to wait until the last day of the quarter to turn in all missing assignments.