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| Am I rootless, or am I free? | | |
| Word/phrase | Translation | Usage/memory aid |
| rootless | heimatlos; wurzellos | * People with different cultural backgrounds often feel rootless. * rootless root (n) |
| to refer to sth | sich auf etw. beziehen | * Our neighbour always refers to his wife as ‘the old woman’. * to refer to sth reference (n) |
| term | Bezeichnung; Begriff | * technical term * term = expression |
| to coin | prägen *(einen Begriff/eine Münze)* | * to coin a word/an expression * to create (a word, a coin) * to coin coin (n) |
| to fit the bill | die Kriterien erfüllen | I didn’t fit the bill for the job. |
| to merge | verschmelzen | * The new hotel merges into the landscape perfectly. * Lat. mergere |
| to omit | auslassen; übergehen | She omitted the parts of the story that made her look bad. |
| identity | Identität | * You must show your passport to prove your identity. * identity to identify with (v) * Fr. identité (f) |
| liberating | befreiend | * It feels liberating to get rid of old clothes and things. * liberating to liberate (v) |
| to reinvent oneself | sich neu erfinden | * By changing her name she tried to reinvent herself. * to reinvent to invent (v) invention (n) |
| to be attached to | verbunden sein mit | * I’m so attached to my hometown that I can’t imagine living anywhere else. * to be attached attachment (n) |
| sense of belonging | Zugehörigkeitsgefühl | If you feel attached to a group of people, you have a sense of belonging to this group. |
| tie | Bindung; Verbindung | * Our family has ties to the US. * tie to tie (to) (v) |
| blessed | gesegnet | * Some people are blessed with several talents. * blessed blessing (n) |
| nursery (school) | Vorschule; Kindergarten | In Germany children usually start nursery school at the age of three. |
| multiple | vielfältig; vielfach | * There are multiple ways to be successful in life. * multiple to multiply (v) |
| grateful | dankbar | * grateful = thankful * grateful gratitude (n) |
| to handpick | sorgfältig auswählen | Very rich or very famous people usually handpick their friends. |
| mutual | gegenseitig | * Their partnership is based on mutual respect. * Fr. mutuel/-le |
| curse | Fluch | * curse blessing * curse to curse (v) |
| Fact file | | |
| established | bekannt; etabliert | * known and respected * established establishment (n) * Fr. établi/-e |
| recent | neueste/-r/-s; letzte/-r/-s | * Recent events are things that happened only a short time ago. * Fr. récent; Lat. recens |
| to tend to | neigen zu; tendieren zu | * rather wanting to do a certain thing * to tend to tendency (n) * Lat. tendere |