5. Gen, gener, genit: “birth, “kind” ,“class”

**Degenerate** (dee-jen-ur-ate) v: sink to a lower class or standard: grow worse: deteriorate.

*But for all the skill of the presiding officer, the debate would have degenerated into an exchange of insults*.

**Engender** (en-jend-er) v: give birth to: generate: produce: cause.

*Name-calling engenders hatred.*

**Genre** (jon-ruh) n: kind sort: category.

*The author achieved distinction in two literary genres-the short story and the novel.*

**Progenitor** (pro-jen-it-or) n: ancestors to whom a group traces its birth.

*The bible states that Adam and Eve were the progenitors of the human race.*

**Regenerate** (re-jen-er-ate) v: cause to be born again; put new life into: reform completely.

*The new manager regenerated the losing team and made it a strong contender.*