**4. FLU, FLUC, FLUX: “flow”**

**Fluctuate** */fluhk-choo-eyt/* v: flow like a wave; move up and down; change often and irregularly; be unsteady

*Last week the stock* ***fluctuated*** *from a high 19% to a low of 17%.*

**Fluent** */floo-uhnt/* adj: ready with a flow of words; speaking or writing easily

*Do you have to grope for words, or are you a* ***fluent*** *speaker.*

**Fluid** */floo-id/* n: substance that flow – ANT solid

*Air, water, molasses, and milk are all* ***fluids****.*

**Fluid** */floo-id/*adj: not ridged; changing easily – ANT rigid, fixed

*During November, the military situation remained* ***fluid,*** *with advances and retreats by both sides.*

**Flux** */fluhks/* n: continuous flow or changing unceasing change – ANT stability

*When prices are in a state of* ***flux****, many buyers delay purchases until conditions are more settle.*

**Influx** */in-fluhks/* n: inflow; inpouring

*The discovery of gold in California in 1848 caused a large* ***influx*** *of settlers from the East.*

**Exercise 2.** On your paper, enter the most appropriate word from groups 3 and 4, fin; flu, fluc, flux**,** for completing the sentence.

1. A diplomat who represents us in Russia should be \_\_\_?\_\_\_ in Russia.
2. During the late spring, beach resorts ready themselves for the expected \_\_\_?\_\_\_ of summer visitors.
3. The entire cast appeared on stage after the \_\_\_?\_\_\_, to acknowledge the applause.
4. Unlike a lower court ruling, which may be reversed on appeal, a Supreme Court decision is \_\_\_?\_\_\_.
5. There is a (an) \_\_\_?\_\_\_ among classmates that is often as strong as loyalty to one’s family.