

Etymology of Human Body and Health Terms

Etymology · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. The word 'artery' originates from the ancient Greek word 'arteria', which literally meant:

- A) Air carrier**
- B) Blood vessel
- C) Life vein
- D) Pulse taker

2. The term 'fever' can be traced back to the Latin word 'febris', meaning:

- A) Burning sensation
- B) Inflammation
- C) High temperature**
- D) Shivering fit

3. The English word 'hospital' derives from the Latin word 'hospes', which originally meant:

- A) Healer
- B) Sickroom
- C) Guest**
- D) Charity house

4. The anatomical term 'vein' comes from the Old French 'veine', which itself derives from the Latin 'vena', meaning:

- A) Drawn liquid
- B) Pulsating tube
- C) Flowing channel
- D) Blood conduit**

5. The word 'vaccine' is named after the Latin word for:

- A) Cow**
- B) Milk
- C) Protection
- D) Disease

6. The term 'diagnosis' has roots in ancient Greek, combining 'dia' (through) and 'gnosis' (knowing). It originally referred to:

- A) Understanding a disease
- B) Identifying a symptom
- C) Knowing fully**
- D) Examining a patient

7. The word 'pharmacy' originates from the ancient Greek word 'pharmakon', which had a dual meaning of:

A) Medicine and poison

B) Cure and remedy

C) Drug and treatment

D) Elixir and potion

8. The term 'epidemic' comes from the Greek 'epidemia', which literally translates to:

A) Among the people

B) Upon the land

C) Infecting many

D) Spreading quickly