

Etymology of the Human Body and Health

Etymology · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. The word 'anatomy' originates from which Greek word meaning 'to cut up' or 'to dissect'?

- A) Anathropos
- B) Anatome**
- C) Apologize
- D) Antidote

2. The term 'artery' derives from the ancient Greek 'arteria,' which was believed to carry what substance?

- A) Blood
- B) Air**
- C) Nerve signals
- D) Chyle

3. The Latin word 'calor' is the root for many English words related to body temperature. What does 'calor' mean?

- A) Cold
- B) Heat**
- C) Pain
- D) Rest

4. The etymology of 'phobia,' often used in relation to irrational fears, comes from which ancient Greek word for 'fear'?

- A) Anxiety
- B) Phobos**
- C) Dread
- D) Terror

5. The word 'medicine' has its roots in the Latin word 'mederi,' which means to do what?

- A) Diagnose
- B) Heal**
- C) Research
- D) Prescribe

6. The name of the 'femur,' the thigh bone, comes from the Latin word for what?

- A) Strong
- B) Thigh
- C) Shaft**
- D) Support

7. The term 'nostril' is a contraction of which Old English phrase meaning 'nose hole'?

- A) Nose hyrnel
- B) Nose hol
- C) Nose thirl**
- D) Nose open

8. The English word 'toxic' originates from the ancient Greek word 'toxikon,' which referred to what?

- A) Poison
- B) Arrow**
- C) Dye
- D) Herb

9. The word 'neuron,' a nerve cell, is derived from the Greek word 'neuron' which originally meant what?

- A) Fiber
- B) Wire
- C) Tendon**
- D) Spark

10. The term 'vaccine' is derived from the Latin word for what animal, due to the discovery of immunity from cowpox?

- A) Sheep
- B) Horse
- C) Cow**
- D) Pig