

Etymology of the Human Body

Etymology · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which language is the primary root of the word 'muscle,' derived from 'musculus' meaning 'little mouse'?

A) Greek

B) Latin

C) German

D) French

2. The term 'skeleton' comes from a Greek word that literally translates to what?

A) Dry body

B) Hard shell

C) Inner frame

D) Bone structure

3. The word 'oxygen' is derived from Greek roots meaning what?

A) Breath of life

B) Acid-producer

C) Clear gas

D) Life force

4. What is the original Greek meaning of the word 'artery'?

A) Blood carrier

B) Windpipe

C) Heart tube

D) Pulse point

5. The medical term 'organ' is derived from the Greek 'organon,' which originally meant what?

A) Body part

B) Life source

C) Tool or instrument

D) Working system

6. Which Latin word, meaning 'to stretch,' is the origin of the word 'tendon'?

A) Tendere

B) Tensus

C) Tendire

D) Tendonus

7. The word 'bacteria' comes from the Greek 'bakterion,' which describes the shape of these organisms as a what?

- A) Small circle
- B) Tiny ball
- C) Little staff or rod**
- D) Spiral thread

8. 'Dermis,' the word for the skin layer, originates from the Greek 'derma,' which means what?

- A) To cover
- B) Hide or skin**
- C) Soft layer
- D) Protection

9. The word 'virus' comes from the Latin word meaning what?

- A) Tiny invader
- B) Invisible spark
- C) Poison or slime**
- D) Fast mover

10. 'Cardio,' as in cardiology, is derived from the Greek 'kardia,' which translates to what?

- A) Heart**
- B) Core
- C) Blood
- D) Pump

11. The term 'pulse' originates from the Latin 'pulsus,' which means what?

- A) To beat
- B) A striking or pushing**
- C) Flowing rhythm
- D) Vibration

12. 'Gastric' refers to the stomach and comes from the Greek 'gaster,' meaning what?

- A) Belly**
- B) Storage
- C) Digestion
- D) Hunger

13. The word 'nerve' is derived from the Latin 'nervus,' which originally meant what?

- A) Brain signal
- B) Sinew or tendon**
- C) Electric path
- D) Message carrier

14. 'Cranium' is the scientific term for the skull, coming from the Greek word 'kranion,' meaning what?

- A) Head shell
- B) Brain box
- C) Helmet**
- D) Top of the body

15. The term 'dental' comes from the Latin 'dens,' which translates to what?

- A) Bite
- B) Chew
- C) Tooth**
- D) Jaw

16. 'Optic,' related to sight, comes from the Greek 'optikos,' meaning what?

- A) Seen or visible**
- B) Eye part
- C) Light focus
- D) Clear view

17. The word 'hemoglobin' combines Greek roots for blood and what else?

- A) Oxygen
- B) Globe or sphere**
- C) Red pigment
- D) Cell structure

18. 'Renal' refers to the kidneys and comes from the Latin 'renes,' which means what?

- A) Filtering system
- B) Kidneys**
- C) Back area
- D) Liquid processor