

Etymology of the Human Body

Etymology · Practice Test · 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