Etymology of the Human Body

Etymology · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. The word 'skeleton' originates from the Ancient Greek word 'skeletos', which literally translates to what?

A) Strong structure
B) Dried body
C) Bony frame
D) Hard protection

2. The medical term 'muscle' is derived from the Latin word 'musculus', which means what?

A) Little mouse
B) Strong fiber
C) Moving part
D) Flexing force

3. The word 'cortex', used to describe the outer layer of the brain, comes from a Latin word meaning what?

A) Covering
B) Outer shell or bark
C) Control center
D) Grey matter

4. The term 'artery' comes from the Greek word 'arteria', which originally referred to what?

A) Blood carrier
B) Windpipe
C) Heart valve
D) Pulse point

5. The word 'gastric', referring to the stomach, is derived from the Greek word 'gaster', which means what?

A) Digestion
B) Belly
C) Hunger
D) Energy

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6. The term 'pelvis' comes from a Latin word that describes its shape. What does 'pelvis' literally mean?

A) Basin
B) Bowl
C) Support
D) Foundation

7. The word 'pupil', referring to the center of the eye, comes from the Latin 'pupilla', meaning what?

A) Little doll
B) Dark circle
C) Vision hole
D) Light catcher

8. The term 'skeleton' is not the only word for bones; the word 'cranium' is derived from a Greek word meaning what?

A) Head
B) Skull
C) Helmet
D) Brain case

9. The word 'cardiac' is derived from the Greek word 'kardia', which means what?

A) Life
B) Heart
C) Pulse
D) Blood

10. The term 'dental', relating to teeth, comes from the Latin word 'dens', which is the root of which English word?

A) Dentist
B) Dentition
C) Dentures
D) All of the above

11. The medical term 'dermis' for skin comes from the Greek word 'derma', meaning what?

A) Hide or skin
B) Protection
C) Covering
D) Soft layer

12. The word 'clavicle', or collarbone, comes from the Latin 'clavicula', meaning what?

A) Small key

B) Support beam

C) Shoulder hook

D) Chest bar