

Nelson English Usage

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Greek and Latin roots in the English language

Answers

Using the chart above, provide definitions for the following words, break each word down into its component parts, and use it in a sentence.

1 Apathy

Parts	a-, -pathy
Meaning	without feeling
Sentence	After the death of her mother, she slid into apathy.

2 Pathology

Parts	patho-, -logy
Meaning	the study of disease
Sentence	The results from the pathology lab indicate that you have Type 2 diabetes.

3 Haematology

Parts	haemo-, -logy
Meaning	the study of the blood
Sentence	Haematology researchers are hunting for a cure to leukaemia.

4 Encephalitis

Parts	encephalo-, -itis
Meaning	inflammation of the brain

Sentence	Dr Karim diagnosed the patient with viral encephalitis after she presented at the hospital with a headache, a fever, confusion and seizures.
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5 Hysterectomy

Parts	hystero-, -ectomy
Meaning	surgical removal of the womb (uterus)
Sentence	Mrs Anderson had a hysterectomy as part of her treatment for cervical cancer.

6 Arthritis

Parts	arthro-, -itis
Meaning	inflammation of the joints
Sentence	The arthritis in my hips tends to become especially painful in cold weather.

7 Osteoporosis

Parts	osteo-, poro- (porosis)
Meaning	porousness of the bones
Sentence	A teenage girl was diagnosed with osteoporosis after frequent fractures to her arms and legs.

8 Laparotomy

Parts	laparo-, -tomy
Meaning	an incision or cut in the abdomen
Sentence	The surgeon had to perform a laparotomy to access the patient's abdominal cavity and treat his ulcer.

9 Xenophobic

Parts	xeno-, -phob
Meaning	fearful of foreigners
Sentence	The fact you tell everyone that you wish immigrants would go back where they came from shows you are just racist and xenophobic.

10 Geography

Parts	geo-, -graphy
Meaning	the process of recording data about the Earth
Sentence	We learned more about Antarctica's climate and weather in geography the other day.

11 Encephalography

Parts	encephalo-, -graphy
Meaning	the process of recording data about the brain
Sentence	I had an EEG, or electroencephalogram, which is a type of encephalography, after I had a seizure at school.

12 Ethnography

Parts	ethno-, -graphy
Meaning	the process of recording data about people, tribes, races or nations.
Sentence	The Australian Census is a type of ethnography.

13 Hypoplasia

Parts	hypo-, -plasia
Meaning	below normal development or growth
Sentence	I had hypoplasia in my jaw from being born prematurely.

14 Haematoma

Parts	haemat-, -oma
Meaning	mass of blood
Sentence	I had a huge haematoma on my knee after I fell over playing netball.

15 Melanoma

Parts	melano-, -oma
Meaning	dark-coloured tumour
Sentence	The dark mole on my uncle's arm turned out to be a melanoma.

16 Immortal

Parts	im-, mort-
Meaning	not subject to death, cannot die
Sentence	People never forget really good books and movies, because they stay in our memories and become immortal.