

The Word Within the Word • List #3

homo	<i>(same)</i>	homogenize, homonym, homophone, homologous, homozygous	<i>Greek</i>
spec	<i>(look)</i>	spectacles, specter, specious, spectrum, respect, inspect, prospectus	<i>Latin</i>
duct	<i>(lead)</i>	conduct, ductile, induct, product, reduction, deduction, reproduction	<i>Latin</i>
fer	<i>(carry)</i>	transfer, infer, refer, defer, conifer, Lucifer, aquifer, auriferous	<i>Latin</i>
pend	<i>(hang)</i>	pending, pendulum, pendant, impending, depend, pendulous, suspend	<i>Latin</i>
micro	<i>(small)</i>	micron, microscope, microwave, microphone, microcosm, microbiotic	<i>Greek</i>
hydro	<i>(water)</i>	hydroplane, hydroponics, dehydrate, hydrant, hydrogen, hydrophobia	<i>Greek</i>
photo	<i>(light)</i>	photograph, photometer, photon, photogenic, photosynthesis	<i>Greek</i>
pan	<i>(all)</i>	panorama, panoply, pandemic, pantheism, pantheon, Pan-American	<i>Greek</i>
penta	<i>(five)</i>	pentagram, pentagon, pentameter, pentathlon, pentarchy, pentahedron	<i>Greek</i>
tele	<i>(far)</i>	telescope, telephone, telekinesis, telepathy, teleology, telesthesia, telex	<i>Greek</i>
vid	<i>(look)</i>	video, invidious, Montevideo, evidence, provide, videogenic, vide, videlicet	<i>Latin</i>
omni	<i>(all)</i>	omnifarious, omnipotent, omnivorous, omniscient, omnibus, omnipresent	<i>Latin</i>
ex	<i>(out)</i>	exit, except, excise, exculpate, elucidate, exorbitant, eccentric, enumerate	<i>Latin</i>
poly	<i>(many)</i>	polyphony, polygyny, polygamy, allopolyploidy, polyvalent	<i>Greek</i>
re	<i>(again)</i>	return, review, retouch, reiterate, retail, revive, regenerate, regurgitate	<i>Latin</i>
hypo	<i>(under)</i>	hypodermic, hypocrite, hypotenuse, hypothermia, hypothesis	<i>Greek</i>
pseudo	<i>(false)</i>	pseudonym, pseudopod, pseudomorphic, pseudoscience, pseudoevent	<i>Greek</i>
neuro	<i>(nerve)</i>	neuron, neurosurgeon, neurosis, neurology, neuralgia, neurotomy	<i>Greek</i>
tomy	<i>(cut)</i>	tonsillectomy, appendectomy, neurotomy, dichotomy, anatomy, lobotomy	<i>Greek</i>
hema	<i>(blood)</i>	hematic, hematite, hematology, hematoma, hemal, hematogenesis	<i>Greek</i>
proto	<i>(first)</i>	protoplasm, prototype, Protozoa, proton, protohuman, protomorphic	<i>Greek</i>
phon	<i>(sound)</i>	symphony, telephone, phonetic, phonograph, euphony, cacophony	<i>Greek</i>
mono	<i>(one)</i>	monotonous, monomania, monocular, monogamous, monolithic, monotone	<i>Greek</i>
viv	<i>(life)</i>	vivid, vivisection, vivacious, convivial, bon vivant, viva, viviparous, revive	<i>Greek</i>

apo

away • up • off

The Greek stem **apo**, which we define as meaning *away* or *up*, actually can have a wide variety of meanings, and is sometimes shortened to **ap**. Though **apo** often means *away*, it can mean *detached*, *from off*, *from*, or even *back*. Here are some of the interesting words that contain **apo** in its various shades of meaning:

apodictic:	shown by argument. His argument developed an apodictic certainty.
apothecary:	a pharmacist. Romeo bought his fatal potion from an apothecary.
apogee:	farthest point. The moon reached its apogee from the earth.
aperture:	an opening. The lovers saw each other through the aperture in the wall.
aphorism:	a concise statement. Franklin delighted France with his witty aphorisms.
apocalypse:	a revelation. He was mesmerized by the ancient apocalyptic writings.
apogeotropism:	growing away from gravity. The apogeotropic plants grew high in the wind.
apocope:	dropping the end of a word. He used apocopes such as “my <i>bes</i> ’ friend.”
aposiopesis:	a break in thought. “I wish—but you don’t care,” he said in aposiopesis.
apophasis:	saying that you won’t mention. “I won’t remind you,” his apophasis began.
apoplexy:	a stroke. His former vigor was damaged by dissolution and apoplexy.
apotheosis:	deification. Odysseus refused apotheosis to return to his wife.
apostrophe:	addressing someone in speech. He began with an apostrophe to the Muse.
apostle:	one sent on a mission. The computer representative had an apostle’s zeal.
apology:	a formal defense. Plato wrote about Socrates’s <i>Apology</i> to the Athenians.
apostate:	a renegade. The cynical apostate had once led the opposition party.
aposematic:	warning. The insect’s bright, aposematic colors warned frogs of its poison.
apophyge:	curve at the end of a column. They leaned on the apophyge of the column.
apopemptic:	valedictory. They used to call a lachrymose parting an <i>apopemptic</i> farewell.
apomixis:	nonsexual reproduction. The botanist studied apomixis in plants.
apologue:	a short allegory. The historian collected charming medieval apologues.

The Word Within the Word • Sentences #3

1. The English language contains many **homophones** like *two* and *too*.
2. It was a **specious** argument, but it sounded convincing.
3. The youth was **inducted** into the army.
4. The **transfer** was made in the darkness of a moonless night.
5. The patent is still **pending** on that product.
6. The two bacteria were only a **micron** apart.
7. The fire **hydrant** stood in front of the school.
8. An overexposure to the sun's **photons** gave her a sunburn.
9. The god Apollo was a member of the Greek **pantheon**.
10. He wore a **pentagram** on his sleeve, not a pentagon.
11. The strange boy could move distant objects by **telekinesis**.
12. The kids played **video** games for hours.
13. The all-consuming furry muncher had an **omnivorous** appetite.
14. The surgeon was able to **excise** the tissue with a scalpel.
15. Johann Sebastian Bach composed **polyphonic** music.
16. His new novel was carefully **reviewed** by the literary critic.
17. The crash victims suffered **hypothermia** on the frozen tundra.
18. The amoeba uses its **pseudopods** to move across the surface.
19. The brain is said to contain over 100 billion **neurons**.
20. The clown received an emergency **appendectomy** in the medical tent.
21. Iron ore is called **hematite** because of its deep red color.
22. Single-celled animals are known as the **Protozoa**.
23. Musicians play together in a **symphony**.
24. The German prince peered through his gold-rimmed **monocular**.
25. Laws against **vivisection** prevent cruelty to animals.

The Word Within the Word • Ideas #3

EVALUATION:

1. Why do you respect people? What is the difference between the people that you do respect and the people that you don't respect?
2. Do you think it would be better to write a short story from the author-omniscient point of view or from the point of view of only one of the characters?

INTUITION:

1. If you were to be pursued by a ferocious, carnivorous critter, what critter would you least like to be pursued by?
2. Judging by the name, what do you think it looks like in Montevideo, Uruguay? Imagine everything you can about the city.

EMOTION:

1. How would you feel if someone accused you of using specious reasoning, and did so in front of your friends? How long would your feelings last?
2. What emotions are associated with the word convivial?

AESTHETICS:

1. Can you create a vivid mental image of a spectrum? Can you see the brilliance of each color? What order are the colors in? Which one is the most beautiful?
2. What colors would you like to use for an oil painting of a Protozoan?

SYNTHESIS:

1. How many words on List #3 could be considered to have anything at all to do with sound? After you find the words that are obvious, look for words that have a less obvious connection.
2. Pick out the words on List #3 that would be good to use in a ghost story.

The Word Within the Word • Analogies #3

1. **euphony : cacophony ::**
microcosm : microbiotic
beautiful : ugly
photon : photometer
provident : future
2. **polyphonic : polygamy ::**
pantheism : religion
hydroponics : deduction
homologous : monotone
melody : marriage
3. **eccentric : conventional ::**
pseudopod : pseudonym
oligarchy : pentarchy
deduction : reduction
nonconformity : conformity
4. **pseudoscience : science ::**
revive : vivacious
vivacious : revive
anatomy : lobotomy
pseudonym : name
5. **omnivorous : herbivorous ::**
omnifarious : omnipotent
Pan-American : river
all : plant
specious : authentic
6. **elucidate : explain ::**
reiterate : stolid
reiterate : repeat
symphony : cacophony
eulogy : euphony
7. **telekinesis : telesthesia ::**
moving : feeling
telescope : microscope
inspect : introspect
eccentric : centrifugal
8. **dichotomy : trichotomy ::**
bicycle : tricycle
viviparous : vivisection
lobotomy : brain
hydrant : hydrogen
9. **pentameter : pentarchy ::**
poetry : government
government : poetry
distance : five
ruler : measure
10. **hypothesis : thesis ::**
guess : idea
theory : supposition
hypothecate : hypotenuse
idea : image