

The Word Within the Word • List #4

morph	<i>(shape)</i>	amorphous, morphology, polymorphously, mesomorph, protomorphic	<i>Greek</i>
vest	<i>(clothes)</i>	vestry, vestment, vestibule, vest, investiture, divest, divestiture	<i>Latin</i>
bene	<i>(good)</i>	benefit, benevolent, beneficial, benediction, benefactor, benign	<i>Latin</i>
pond	<i>(weight)</i>	ponderous, ponder, preponderant, pound, imponderable, compound	<i>Latin</i>
corp	<i>(body)</i>	corpulent, corporation, corporeal, corporal, corpse, corpuscle	<i>Latin</i>
dorm	<i>(sleep)</i>	dormitory, dormant, dormer, dormancy, dormitive, dormient	<i>Latin</i>
pater	<i>(father)</i>	paternalistic, patronize, paternity, patriarch, expatriate, paterfamilias	<i>Latin</i>
noy	<i>(new)</i>	novel, nova, novice, novitiate, Nova Scotia, innovation, renovate	<i>Latin</i>
punct	<i>(point)</i>	punctuate, punctilious, puncture, punctual, acupuncture, contrapuntal	<i>Latin</i>
ject	<i>(throw)</i>	eject, reject, conjecture, dejected, inject, subject, projection, interject	<i>Latin</i>
tion	<i>(act or state)</i>	completion, reaction, devastation, production, creation, transition	<i>Latin</i>
loco	<i>(place)</i>	locomotive, location, local, locus, relocate, dislocate, localize, locomotor	<i>Latin</i>
dox	<i>(opinion)</i>	orthodox, heterodox, doxology, indoctrinate, paradox	<i>Greek</i>
amphi	<i>(both)</i>	amphibious, amphitheater, amphibian, amphigory, amphibolous	<i>Greek</i>
magn	<i>(great)</i>	Magna Carta, magnanimous, magnate, magnificent, magnum opus	<i>Latin</i>
eu	<i>(good)</i>	Eucharist, euphony, eulogy, euphemism, Europe, eugenics, euglena	<i>Greek</i>
endo	<i>(within)</i>	endoplasm, endocrine, endogamous, endoskeleton, endothermic	<i>Greek</i>
phobia	<i>(fear)</i>	claustrophobia, acrophobia, xenophobia, agoraphobia, hydrophobia	<i>Greek</i>
ortho	<i>(straight)</i>	orthopedics, orthodontist, orthodox, orthography, orthogonal	<i>Greek</i>
put	<i>(think)</i>	reputation, putative, impute, dispute, computer, disreputable	<i>Latin</i>
ver	<i>(true)</i>	verify, veracity, veritable, verdict, verisimilitude, aver, cinema verite	<i>Latin</i>
matri	<i>(mother)</i>	matricide, matron, matriarch, matrimony, matrilineal	<i>Latin</i>
mega	<i>(large)</i>	megalith, megaphone, megalomania, megalopolis, megahertz, megaton	<i>Greek</i>
pop	<i>(people)</i>	popular, populist, populate, population, popularize, populous	<i>Latin</i>
sangui	<i>(blood)</i>	sanguinary, sanguine, consanguinity, sangfroid, sangria	<i>Latin</i>

anti

against • opposite • counteract

The Greek stem *anti*, which we define as meaning *against*, actually can have a wide variety of meanings, and is sometimes changed to *anto* or *ant*. *Anti* can mean *against*, *prevent*, *opposite*, *reverse*, *hostile to*, *counteract*, or even *rivaling*. Here are some of the interesting words that contain *anti* in its various shades of meaning:

- antibody:** protein that neutralizes an antigen. His antibodies helped fight the disease.
- anticlimax:** a ludicrous conclusion. The ending of the play was a pathetic anticlimax.
- anticline:** an upward bend in rock strata. The hill was actually based on a slate anticline.
- anticoagulant:** drug that prevents clotting. He was given an anticoagulant to dissolve the clot.
- antifebrile:** reducing fever. Aspirin has an antifebrile quality.
- antihero:** an untraditional protagonist. The new cynicism produced film antiheroes.
- antilogy:** a contradiction. The discussion was really a juxtaposition of antilogies.
- antimatter:** opposite particles. For every proton, there may be an antiproton.
- antinomian:** belief in faith alone. Antinomians demand more than obedience to moral law.
- antipathy:** strong dislike. Achilles's antipathy for the Trojans seemed implacable.
- antiseptic:** preventing infection. She used an antiseptic to prevent infection in the wound.
- antivenin:** an antitoxin for venom. They had no antivenin for the rattlesnake bite.
- antonym:** an opposite word. She thought synonyms were easier than antonyms.
- antonomasia:** the use of epithets. Antonomasia was the custom in "His Honor's" court.
- antidote:** a poison remedy. They administered the antidote in time to save his life.
- antinovel:** a radical novel. In his antinovel, he violated the traditional forms of the genre.
- antipode:** the exact opposite. Their views were antipodes of each other.
- antimacassar:** a small cover for a chair back. She always kept antimacassars on the chairs.
- antiscorbutic:** a remedy for scurvy. Some old fruit was the only antiscorbutic on the ship.
- antilabor:** opposed to unions. The organization had a strong antilabor point of view.
- antiballistic:** an antimissile missile. The antiballistic missiles saved the city from the attack.

The Word Within the Word • Sentences #4

1. The magic crystal dissolved into a lumpy, **amorphous** mass.
2. The silk **vestments** were hanging on pegs.
3. He never knew the name of his generous **benefactor**.
4. The **ponderous** burden was nearly impossible to lift.
5. His **corpulent** body was a result of his love of sweets.
6. The evil creature lay harmlessly **dormant** for centuries.
7. There was an annual birthday party for the family **patriarch**.
8. The recently invented laser toothbrush is a **novel** idea.
9. Her **punctilious** attention to small details was impressive.
10. He felt miserably **dejected** when the expedition left without him.
11. The **devastation** intensified our need for **creation**.
12. Self-motivated people have an internal **locus** of control.
13. The many-cultured United States is a **heterodox** nation.
14. The Martian **amphibians** emerging from the water had gray, impermeable skin.
15. His **magnanimous** victory speech was inspiring in its generosity.
16. The **euphony** of Mozart's beautiful music carried us away.
17. Human beings have **endoskeletons**, not exoskeletons like insects or crabs.
18. The trembling dog on the twenty-third floor has **acrophobia**.
19. The **orthodontist** straightened Count Dracula's fangs.
20. The **computer** hummed once and exploded.
21. We questioned the **veracity** of the doctor's strange and unbelievable story.
22. The town awoke to the details of the angry son's tragic **matricide**.
23. The massive granite **megalith** towered over the ancient ruins.
24. The **populist** candidate, a favorite of the voters, won the lunar colony primary.
25. The massed armies joined in **sanguinary** combat.

The Word Within the Word • Ideas #4

DIVERGENCE:

1. What survival advantages can you think of that an organism, such as homo sapiens, has as a result of its **endoskeleton**? What would be the advantages of an **exoskeleton**? Perhaps some light could be shed on this question by considering the lifestyles of creatures that have the two types of skeletons.
2. Enumerate ways in which **innovation** could be beneficial to the future of the human race.

ANALYSIS:

1. Guess the meaning by analyzing the stems of **polymorphously**, **magnanimous**, **acrophobia**, **benediction**, and **matriarch**.
2. What is the difference between a society known for its **heterodoxy** and a society known for its **orthodoxy**?

EVALUATION:

1. In our Keyboard Era, should we still attempt to teach **orthography**, or is handwriting becoming an **anachronism**?
2. Which, if either, is more important: to be **punctual** or to be **punctilious**?

INTUITION:

1. A hero in a comic book saves a population from devastation. His performance is marked by **sangfroid** and self-discipline. What evil threatened the society?
2. Locked in a darkened closet is an **amorphous** object. What is it?

AESTHETICS:

1. What are the most **euphonic** sounds, man-made or otherwise, on this planet?
2. What are some creative ways to give aesthetic appeal to a metropolis or a **megalopolis**?

The Word Within the Word • Analogies #4

1. **euphoria : euphemism ::**
joy : depression
matrimony : marriage
sanguine : sanguinary
emotion : word
2. **megalith : ponderous ::**
megahertz : preponderant
verdict : popular
megalopolis : populous
creation : devastation
3. **magnanimous : pusillanimous ::**
reputable : disreputable
matrilineal : matriarchal
megaton : megalomania
magnate : magnet
4. **microbiotic : euglena ::**
immense : galaxy
small : large
life : inanimate
corpuscle : blood
5. **contrapuntal : polyphony ::**
contradictory : disruption
paradox : orthodoxy
metrical : poetry
sangfroid : consanguinity
6. **patriarch : matriarch ::**
patrilineal : children
monarchy : plutocracy
ruler : ruled
father : mother
7. **orthodox : heterodox ::**
conformity : variety
conglomerate : aggregate
orthography : handwriting
verify : aver
8. **xenophobia : agoraphobia ::**
magnum opus : claustrophobia
space : vacuum
stranger : sangfroid
stranger : open space
9. **innovation : renovate ::**
invention : destruction
idea : hypothesis
invention : refurbish
construction : hypothesis
10. **benefactor : malefactor ::**
euphony : cacophony
eulogy : euphemism
benediction : contradiction
imponderable : ponder