

## CHAPTER 1: Word Building Rules

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### TRUE/FALSE

1. Medical terms must have a word root and a suffix.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1

2. The word root often identifies the body part or system described by the medical term.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1

3. Word roots change meaning as the prefixes and suffixes change.

ANS: F  
Word roots keep their same meaning throughout.

PTS: 1

4. Combining vowels aid the pronunciation of medical terms.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1

5. A compound medical term contains a prefix, word root, and a suffix.

ANS: F  
Compound words are usually composed in the following order: combining form + word root + suffix; they do not always have a prefix.

PTS: 1

6. A word root is the basic foundation of a word to which component parts are added.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1

7. A combining form is created when a word root is combined with a consonant.

ANS: F  
A combining form is created when a word root is combined with a vowel.

PTS: 1

8. A suffix is a word element attached at the end of the word root.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1

9. If a suffix begins with a consonant, the root will attach directly to it.

ANS: F  
If a suffix begins with a consonant (anything other than a, e, i, o, u, y), the root will need a combining vowel before attaching to the suffix.

PTS: 1

10. Prefixes are attached directly to the beginning of the word.

ANS: T                      PTS: 1

### MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Which prefix means around?

a. intra-  
b. peri-  
c. epi-

ANS: B                      PTS: 1

2. What is the word root plus a special vowel called?

a. combining form  
b. prefix  
c. suffix

ANS: A                      PTS: 1

3. Select the prefix that means within.

a. peri-  
b. endo-  
c. inter-

ANS: B                      PTS: 1

4. Which word part is always placed at the end of the word?
- word root
  - suffix
  - combining form
- ANS: B PTS: 1
5. Which word part is always placed at the beginning of the word?
- word root
  - suffix
  - prefix
- ANS: C PTS: 1
6. Select the word root that means skin.
- megaly
  - dermat
  - cardi
- ANS: B PTS: 1
7. Which term is spelled correctly?
- cardiomegaly
  - cardimegaly
  - cardomegaly
- ANS: A PTS: 1
8. What is the basic foundation of a medical term?
- word root
  - prefix
  - combining form
- ANS: A PTS: 1
9. Select the word root that means heart.
- cardi
  - dermat
  - megaly
- ANS: A PTS: 1
10. Choose the word that is spelled correctly.
- cardioalgia
  - cardalgia
  - cardialgia
- ANS: C PTS: 1

## COMPLETION

1. \_\_\_\_\_ means inflammation of the heart.
- ANS: Carditis
- PTS: 1
2. The suffix \_\_\_\_\_ means enlarged.
- ANS: -megaly
- PTS: 1
3. \_\_\_\_\_ means inflammation of the skin.
- ANS: Dermatitis
- PTS: 1
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ are used to join medical term word parts.
- ANS: combining vowels
- PTS: 1
5. The medical term for pain in the heart would be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ANS: cardialgia
- PTS: 1

6. The suffix \_\_\_\_\_ means inflammation.

ANS: -itis

PTS: 1

7. An enlarged heart is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

ANS: cardiomegaly

PTS: 1

8. The term that means within the heart, or inner lining of the heart, is \_\_\_\_\_metrium..

ANS: endo

PTS: 1

9. \_\_\_\_\_ is the term for absence of menstruation.

ANS: Amenorrhea

PTS: 1

10. \_\_\_\_\_ is painful; menstrual flow.

ANS: Dysmenorrhea

PTS: 1

11. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is a name for a disease, organ, procedure, or body function that is derived from the name of a person.

ANS: eponym

PTS: 1