

# Aids to Understanding Words

acetabul-, vinegar cup:

*acetabulum*

adip-, fat: *adipose* tissue

agglutin-, to glue together:

*agglutination*

aliment-, food: *alimentary* canal

allant-, sausage-shaped:

*allantois*

alveol-, small cavity: *alveolus*

an-, without: *anaerobic*

respiration

ana-, up: *anabolic*

andr-, man: *androgens*

append-, to hang something:

*appendicular*

ax-, axis: *axial* skeleton

bil-, bile: *bilirubin*

-blast, budding: *osteoblast*

brady-, slow: *bradycardia*

bronch-, windpipe: *bronchus*

calat-, something inserted:

*intercalated* disk

calyc-, small cup: *calyces*

cardi-, heart: *pericardium*

carp-, wrist: *carpals*

cata-, down: *catabolic*

chondr-, cartilage: *chondrocyte*

chorio-, skin: *chorion*

choroid-, skinlike: *choroid*

chym-, juice: *chyme*

-clast, broken: *osteoclast*

cleav-, to divide: *cleavage*

cochlea, snail: *cochlea*

condyl-, knob: *condyle*

corac-, beaklike: *coracoid* process

cort-, covering: *cortex*

cribr-, sievelike: *cribriform* plate

cric-, ring: *cricoid* cartilage

crin-, to secrete: *endocrine*

crist-, ridge: *crista* galli

cut-, skin: *subcutaneous*

cyt-, cell: *cytoplasm*

de-, undoing: *deamination*

decidu-, falling off: *deciduous*

dendr-, tree: *dendrite*

derm-, skin: *dermis*

detrus-, to force away:

*detrusor* muscle

di-, two: *disaccharide*

diastol-, dilation: *diastole*

diuret-, to pass urine: *diuretic*

dors-, back: *dorsal*

ejacul-, to shoot forth:

*ejaculation*

embol-, stopper: *embolus*

endo-, within: *endoplasmic*

*reticulum*

epi-, upon: *epithelial* tissue

erg-, work: *synergist*

erythr-, red: *erythrocyte*

exo-, outside: *exocrine* gland

extra-, outside: *extracellular*

fimb-, fringe: *fimbriae*

follic-, small bag: hair *follicle*

fov-, pit: *fovea*

funi-, small cord or fiber:

*funiculus*

gangli-, a swelling: *ganglion*

gastr-, stomach: *gastric* gland

-gen, to be produced: *allergen*

genesis-, origin: *spermatogenesis*

germ-, to bud or sprout:

*germinal*

glen-, joint socket: *glenoid*

cavity

-glia, glue: *neuroglia*

glom-, little ball: *glomerulus*

glyc-, sweet: *glycogen*

-gram, something written:

*electrocardiogram*

hema-, blood: *hematoma*

hemo-, blood: *hemoglobin*

hepat-, liver: *hepatic* duct

homeo-, same: *homeostasis*

humor-, fluid: *humoral*

hyper-, above: *hypertonic*

hypo-, below: *hypotonic*

im-, (or in-), not: *imbalance*

immun-, free: *immunity*

inflamm-, to set on fire:

*inflammation*

inter-, between: *interphase*

intra-, inside: *intramembranous*