

Aids to Understanding Words

iris, rainbow: *iris*
iso-, equal: *isotonic*
kerat-, horn: *keratin*
labi-, lip: *labia*
labyrinth-, maze: *labyrinth*
lacri-, tears: *lacrimal gland*
lacun-, pool: *lacuna*
laten-, hidden: *latent*
-lemm, rind or peel: *neurilemma*
leuko-, white: *leukocyte*
lingu-, tongue: *lingual tonsil*
lip-, fat: *lipids*
-logy, study of: *physiology*
-lyte, dissolvable: *electrolyte*
macro-, large: *macrophage*
macula, spot: *macula lutea*
meat-, passage: *auditory meatus*
melan-, black: *melanin*
mening-, membrane: *meninges*
mens-, month: *menstrual*
meta-, change: *metabolism*
mict-, to pass urine: *micturition*
mit-, thread: *mitosis*
mono-, one: *monosaccharide*
mons-, mountain: *mons pubis*
morul-, mulberry: *morula*
moto-, moving: *motor*
mut-, change: *mutation*
myo-, muscle: *myofibril*
nat-, to be born: *prenatal*

nephr-, kidney: *nephron*
neutr-, neither one nor the other:
neutral
nod-, knot: *nodule*
nutri-, nourish: *nutrient*
odont-, tooth: *odontoid process*
olfact-, to smell: *olfactory*
-osis, abnormal increase in
production: *leukocytosis*
oss-, bone: *osseous tissue*
papill-, nipple: *papillary muscle*
para-, beside: *parathyroid glands*
pariet-, wall: *parietal membrane*
patho-, disease: *pathogen*
pelv-, basin: *pelvic cavity*
peri-, around: *pericardial*
membrane
phag-, to eat: *phagocytosis*
pino-, to drink: *pinocytosis*
pleur-, rib: *pleural membrane*
plex-, interweaving: *choroid*
plexus
poie-, to make: *hemotopoiesis*
poly-, many: *polyunsaturated*
pseudo-, false: *pseudostratified*
epithelium
puber-, adult: *puberty*
pylor-, gatekeeper: *pyloric*
sphincter
sacchar-, sugar: *monosaccharide*

sarco-, flesh: *sarcoplasm*
scler-, hard: *sclera*
seb-, grease: *sebaceous gland*
sens-, feeling: *sensory neuron*
-som, body: *ribosome*
squam-, scale: *squamous*
epithelium
stasis-, standing still:
homeostasis
strat-, layer: *stratified*
syn-, together: *synthesis*
systol-, contraction: *systole*
tachy-, rapid: *tachycardia*
tetan-, stiff: *tetanic*
thromb-, clot: *thrombocyte*
toc-, birth: *oxytocin*
-tomy, cutting: *anatomy*
trigon-, triangle: *trigone*
triph-, well fed: *muscular*
hypertrophy
tropic-, influencing:
adrenocorticotropic
tympan-, drum: *tympanic*
membrane
umbil-, navel: *umbilical cord*
ventr-, belly or stomach:
ventricle
vill-, hair: *villi*
vitre-, glass: *vitreous humor*
zym-, ferment: *enzyme*