

# Nelson English Usage

*Digital resources for the Australian Curriculum*

## *Greek and Latin roots in the English language*

### Answers

Using the chart above, provide definitions for the following words, break each word down into its component parts, and use it in a sentence.

#### 1 Apathy

Parts	a-, -pathy
Meaning	without feeling
Sentence	After the death of her mother, she slid into apathy.

#### 2 Pathology

Parts	patho-, -logy
Meaning	the study of disease
Sentence	The results from the pathology lab indicate that you have Type 2 diabetes.

#### 3 Haematology

Parts	haemo-, -logy
Meaning	the study of the blood
Sentence	Haematology researchers are hunting for a cure to leukaemia.

#### 4 Encephalitis

Parts	encephalo-, -itis
Meaning	inflammation of the brain

Sentence	Dr Karim diagnosed the patient with viral encephalitis after she presented at the hospital with a headache, a fever, confusion and seizures.
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#### 5 Hysterectomy

Parts	hystero-, -ectomy
Meaning	surgical removal of the womb (uterus)
Sentence	Mrs Anderson had a hysterectomy as part of her treatment for cervical cancer.

#### 6 Arthritis

Parts	arthro-, -itis
Meaning	inflammation of the joints
Sentence	The arthritis in my hips tends to become especially painful in cold weather.

#### 7 Osteoporosis

Parts	osteo-, poro- (porosis)
Meaning	porousness of the bones
Sentence	A teenage girl was diagnosed with osteoporosis after frequent fractures to her arms and legs.

#### 8 Laparotomy

Parts	laparo-, -tomy
Meaning	an incision or cut in the abdomen
Sentence	The surgeon had to perform a laparotomy to access the patient's abdominal cavity and treat his ulcer.

#### 9 Xenophobic

Parts	xeno-, -phob
Meaning	fearful of foreigners
Sentence	The fact you tell everyone that you wish immigrants would go back where they came from shows you are just racist and xenophobic.

#### 10 Geography

Parts	geo-, -graphy
Meaning	the process of recording data about the Earth
Sentence	We learned more about Antarctica's climate and weather in geography the other day.

#### 11 Encephalography

Parts	encephalo–, –graphy
Meaning	the process of recording data about the brain
Sentence	I had an EEG, or electroencephalogram, which is a type of encephalography, after I had a seizure at school.

### 12 Ethnography

Parts	ethno–, –graphy
Meaning	the process of recording data about people, tribes, races or nations.
Sentence	The Australian Census is a type of ethnography.

### 13 Hypoplasia

Parts	hypo–, –plasia
Meaning	below normal development or growth
Sentence	I had hypoplasia in my jaw from being born prematurely.

### 14 Haematoma

Parts	haemat–, –oma
Meaning	mass of blood
Sentence	I had a huge haematoma on my knee after I fell over playing netball.

### 15 Melanoma

Parts	melano–, –oma
Meaning	dark-coloured tumour
Sentence	The dark mole on my uncle's arm turned out to be a melanoma.

### 16 Immortal

Parts	im–, mort–
Meaning	not subject to death, cannot die
Sentence	People never forget really good books and movies, because they stay in our memories and become immortal.