Word Quest 5

List 4 · Body and health

Vocabulary and example	Write it

addictive adj. /əˈdɪktɪv/

making you want more and unable to stop

Family: addict (n.) · addiction (n.)

This game is really **addictive**.

agony n. /ˈægəni/

very great pain

Family: agonies · agonizing (adj.) **Use it with:** in agony

He was in **agony** after breaking his leg.

airway n. /ˈeəweɪ/

the passage from your nose and mouth to your lungs

Family: airways

First, check that the person's **airway** is clear.

antibiotic n. /ˌæntɪbaɪˈɒtɪk/

a medicine that kills bacteria

Family: antibiotics **Tip:** Antibiotics don't work against viruses like colds.

The doctor gave me **antibiotics** for my infection.

artery n. /ˈɑːtəri/

a tube that carries blood from the heart

Family: arteries

A blocked **artery** can cause a heart attack.

cholesterol n. /kəˈlestərɒl/

a fatty substance in the blood

Use it with: high cholesterol

Fried food can raise your **cholesterol**.

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depression n. /dɪˈpreʃn/

a medical condition of feeling very sad for a long time

Family: depressed (adj.)

Depression is an illness that can be treated.

diagnosis n. /ˌdaɪəgˈnəʊsɪs/

the doctor's decision about what illness you have

Family: diagnoses (pl.) · diagnose (v.)

The **diagnosis** was a simple cold.

dumb adj. /dʌm/

(informal) stupid; also, (old, now offensive) unable to speak

Family: dumber **Tip:** Don't use it about people who can't speak; it is now offensive.

That was a **dumb** idea.

embryo n. /ˈembrɪəʊ/

a baby or animal in the very first stage of growing

Family: embryos

The **embryo** grows inside the egg.

lame adj. /leɪm/

not able to walk well because of a hurt leg; also, (informal) weak

Family: lamer **Use it with:** a lame excuse

The horse was **lame** after the race. That's a **lame** excuse!

mortal adj. /ˈmɔːtl/

not able to live forever

Family: mortality (n.) **Tip:** Opposite: immortal.

All humans are **mortal**.

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nausea n. /ˈnɔːsɪə/

the feeling that you are going to be sick

Family: nauseous (adj.)

The boat ride gave me **nausea**.

optic adj. /ˈɒptɪk/

about the eyes or sight

Family: optical (adj.)

The **optic** nerve connects the eye to the brain.

plague n. /pleɪg/

a very serious disease that spreads quickly and kills many people

Family: plagues

The **plague** killed millions in medieval Europe.

prescribe v. /prɪˈskraɪb/

(of a doctor) to say what medicine someone should take

Family: prescribes · prescribed · prescription (n.)

The doctor **prescribed** rest and plenty of water.

reflex n. /ˈriːfleks/

a movement your body makes without thinking

Family: reflexes **Use it with:** fast reflexes

The doctor tested my knee **reflex**.

remedy n. /ˈremədi/

a cure for an illness or problem

Family: remedies

Honey with lemon is a good **remedy** for a sore throat.

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sensation n. /senˈseɪʃn/

a feeling in your body; also, great excitement

Family: sensations · sensational (adj.)

I had a burning **sensation** in my throat.

skeleton n. /ˈskelɪtn/

all the bones of a body

Family: skeletons

The museum has a dinosaur **skeleton**.

sleepless adj. /ˈsliːpləs/

without sleep

I had a **sleepless** night before the exam.

transplant n./v. /trænˈsplænt/

an operation to put an organ from one person into another

Family: transplants · transplanted

He needs a heart **transplant**.

weary adj. /ˈwɪəri/

very tired

Family: wearier · wearily (adv.)

We were **weary** after the long journey.