

## **Chapter 01 Word Building Rules**

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

- a. True
- b. False

**ANSWER:** True

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

- a. True
- b. False

**ANSWER:** True

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

**ANSWER:** False - Word roots keep their same meaning throughout.

4. Combining vowels aid the pronunciation of medical terms.

- a. True
- b. False

**ANSWER:** True

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

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

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

- a. True
- b. False

**ANSWER:** True

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

**ANSWER:** False - A combining form is created when a word root is combined with a vowel.

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

- a. True
- b. False

**ANSWER:** True

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

**ANSWER:** False - 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.

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

- a. True
- b. False

**ANSWER:** True

11. Which prefix means “around”?

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

**ANSWER:** b

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

- a. combining form
- b. prefix
- c. suffix

**ANSWER:** a

13. Select the prefix that means “within.”

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

**ANSWER:** b

14. Which word part is always placed at the end of the word?

- a. word root
- b. suffix
- c. combining form

**ANSWER:** b

15. Which word part is always placed at the beginning of the word?

- a. word root
- b. suffix
- c. prefix

**ANSWER:** c

16. Select the word root that means “skin.”

- a. megaly
- b. dermat
- c. cardi

**ANSWER:** b

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17. Which term is spelled correctly?

- a. cardiomegaly
- b. cardimegaly
- c. cardomegaly

**ANSWER: a**

18. What is the basic foundation of a medical term?

- a. word root
- b. prefix
- c. combining form

**ANSWER: a**

19. Select the word root that means “heart.

- a. cardi
- b. dermat
- c. megaly

**ANSWER: a**

20. Choose the word that is spelled correctly.

- a. cardioalgia
- b. cardalgia
- c. cardialgia

**ANSWER: c**

21. \_\_\_\_\_ means “inflammation of the heart.”

**ANSWER: Carditis**

22. The suffix \_\_\_\_\_ means “enlarged.”

**ANSWER: -megaly**

23. \_\_\_\_\_ means “inflammation of the skin.”

**ANSWER: Dermatitis**

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ are used to join medical term word parts.

**ANSWER: combining vowels**

25. The medical term for pain in the heart would be \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER: cardialgia**

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26. The suffix \_\_\_\_\_ means “inflammation.”

**ANSWER:** -itis

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

**ANSWER:** cardiomegaly

28. The term that means “within the heart, or inner lining of the heart,” is \_\_\_\_\_ *metrium*.

**ANSWER:** endo

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

**ANSWER:** Amenorrhea

30. \_\_\_\_\_ is painful, menstrual flow.

**ANSWER:** Dysmenorrhea

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

**ANSWER:** eponym