

Medical Terminology Root Words

Directions:

1. Print cards double sided and cut vocabulary cards
2. Choose an activity method for learning vocabulary words

Class method

- Read the vocabulary word aloud and ask for volunteers to provide the definition
or
- Read the definition aloud and ask for volunteers to provide the vocabulary word

Small group method

1. Divide the class into small groups
2. Give each group a set of the cards
3. Have one person pick a card and read it aloud to the group
4. The first person in the group to get it right gets a point and is the next person to read a card

Concentration method

1. Pair the students up
2. Give each pair a set of cards
3. Lay the vocabulary cards on a table with the definition side down
4. Each player takes a turn reading a word and saying the definition
5. If the definition is correct, the player picks up the card and keeps it as a point
6. If the definition is incorrect, the next player takes a turn
7. Continue until all cards are drawn



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auditory or hearing

pertaining to the abdomen

sudden

pertains to hearing

relating to fat or fatty tissue

relating to a gland

air, gas

relating to adrenal gland

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ARCH

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pain

pain

relating to carbohydrates,
starch

relating to fetal sac

relating to the aorta

blood vessel

first

relating to the appendix

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artery

relating to an artery

relating to joint movement

relating to joints

relating to hearing

relating to hearing

listening

relating to the ear

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BLEPHAR

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rod-shaped, bacteria

axis

glans of the penis

relating to bacteria

two

pressure, weight

relating to the eyelid

life

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relating to the bronchi

relating to the arm

relating to the bladder

relating to the cheek

carbon dioxide

relating to the bladder

heart

cancer

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CHEM

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little cells

relating to the cecum

heads

head

relating to the cerebrum/
brain

relating to the cerebellum

drug, chemistry

relating to the neck or cervix

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relating to bile

green

gallbladder

bile vessel

cartilage

relating to bile duct

membrane of the eye

embryonic membrane

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time

pigment

yellow, relating to cirrhosis

around

relating to the cochlea of
the ear

relating to the clitoris

relating to the colon

relating to the colon

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CRANI

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relating to the conjunctiva,
clear membrane of the eye

relating to the vagina

relating to the heart

relating to the cornea

relating to ribs

organ of corti,
transmits sound

relating to the cranium,
skull

opposite

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cold

secrete

relating to skin

hearing problem

circle or cycle

blue

cell

relating to the bladder

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fingers or toes

relating to tears

skin

relating to teeth

twofold

relating to skin

running

relating to diverticulum/
sac or pouch in the
intestines

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ENTER

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hard

relating to the small intestine

swelling

pain

early-stage organism

electricity

relating to intestines

relating to the brain

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epithelial cells

relating to the epididymis

relating to the pubic region

work

red

relating to the esophagus

sensation

cause

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relating to the fetus

connective tissue

bending

fibrous tissue

relating to the stomach

relating to milk production

relating to genitals

generation or race

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gray or bluish color

relating to the gums

relating to the glomerulus
of the kidney

brain tissue

sweet

relating to the tongue

relating to the jaw

sugar

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semen, reproduction

knowledge

taste

relating to pregnancy

sense of touch

woman

relating to blood cells

blood

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relating to the liver

control of

tissue

different

membrane

upper arm

relating to the
pituitary gland

sleep

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intestines

relating to the uterus

relating to the immune system

intestines

covering, relating to skin

relating to insulin

iris

holding back blood

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equivalent, equal

iris

nucleus

relating to the jejunum/
intestine

movement

relating to the skin

humped

movement

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inner ear

related to the lip

milk

tears

wall of the abdomen

part of the spine

type of virus

relating to the larynx or
lower throat

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LITH

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white color

relating to seizures

fibrous connecting tissue

speech

fat

relating to the tongue

stone, calculus

to slip forward

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relating to the lower spine

curve forward

madness

pertaining to the breasts

middle, marrow

pertaining to the breasts

black color

enlargement

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MY

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membrane

month, menstrual cycle

month, menstruation

meniscus

relating to mucous membranes

form, shape

relating to muscle

relating to muscles,
musculoskeletal system

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NECR

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relating to the spinal cord

fungus

mucous

eardrum

relating to the nose

sleep, numb

death

relating to birth

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NEPHR

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NEUR

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NOCT

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NUCH

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NUCLE

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OB

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OCUL

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ODONT

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relating to the nervous system

relating to the kidney

relating to the neck

night

against, opposite

nucleus

relating to the teeth

relating to the eye

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OLFACT

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ONYCH

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OO

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OOPHOR

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OPERAT

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OPHTHALM

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OPT

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ORCH

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relating to fingernails/
toenails

relating to the sense of smell

relating to the ovary

relating to egg or ovum

relating to the eye

work

relating to the testes

relating to the eye

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ORO

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ORTH

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OSCHE

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OSPHRESI

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OSS

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OSTE

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OT

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OV

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straight or correct

relating to the mouth

sense of smell

relating to the scrotum

bone

bone

pertaining to the ovaries

relating to the ear

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OVARI

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PALAT

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PANCREAT

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PAPILL

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PATH

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PED

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PELV

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PERINE

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relating to the palate

pertaining to the ovaries

relating to or
resembling a nipple

relating to the pancreas

relating to the foot

disease

relating to the perineum

hip bone

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PERITON

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PHAGO

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PHARMAC

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PHARYNG

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PHAS

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PHLEB

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PHREN

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eat, devour

lining of the abdominal cavity

relating to the pharynx
or throat

drugs, medications

pertaining to blood vessels

speech

the mind

relating to light

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PHYSIC

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PITUITAR

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PLA

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PLAK

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PLEUR

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PNEA

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PNEUM

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POD

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relating to the pituitary gland

natural

flat plane or membrane

soft

rate of breathing

relating to the ribs

relating to the foot

lungs, breathing

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PONTO

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PRAND

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PRIM

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PROSTAT

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PSYCH

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around meals

relating to the pons
of the brain

anus, rectum

first or most important

sense of touch

prostate

relating to the mind

false or fake

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PULMON

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PUPILL

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PURPURA

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PY

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PYEL

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PYLOR

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PYR

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relating to the lungs

relating to the lungs

purple

relating to the pupil

pelvis

pus

fever

gate

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RADI

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RETICUL

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RETIN

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RHIN

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SALPING

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relating to radiation

relating to the spine

relating to the kidney

relating to the rectum

relating to the retina

net-like structure

relating to the fallopian tubes

relating to the nose

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SCLER

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SCOLI

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SEB

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SIAL

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SIGMOID

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hard

relating to the muscle

oil gland

relating to the spine, twisted

relating to semen

quieting

S-shaped, relating to
the sigmoid colon

relating to the
salivary gland

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SINISTR

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SOMAT

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SOMN

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SON

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SPIR

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SPLEN

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SPONDYL

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body

left-sided

relating to sound

relating to sleep

respirations

relating to semen

relating to the spine

spleen

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STAPHYL

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STEAT

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STOM

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STREPT

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SUDOR

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SUPRA

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SYNOVI

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relating to
staphylococcus bacteria

relating to the stapes of
the inner ear

mouth or artificial opening

fat

sweat

relating to
streptococcus bacteria

sac around a joint

above

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TACT

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TELE

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TEND

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TENO

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THERAP

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distance

touch

relating to tendons

relating to tendons

four

relating to the testicles

treating

inner chamber
(of the brain)

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THERM

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THORAC

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TOCO

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TOXIC

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relating to the upper chest

temperature, heat

emotions

relating to blood clots

tension or pressure

childbirth

poison

relating to the tonsils

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TOXO

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TRACH

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TRICH

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URETHR

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URIN

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relating to the trachea

poison

relating to nourishment

relating to the hair

relating to the urinary system

relating to the eardrum

relating to urinary system

relating to the urethra

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UTER

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UVEO

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VENTRICUL

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VERTEBRO

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VESIC

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relating to the eye tissue

relating to the uterus

relating to veins

relating to the vagina

relating to ventricles,
hollow part of organ

blowing

relating to the bladder

relating to the spine

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VESTIBUL

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VITRE

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VULV

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XANTH

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glass-like

relating to the inner ear

yellow

relating to the vulva