

*This goes with word
list #6*

LESSON VII

<i>Root</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Prefix</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
1. bio	life	1. paleo-	ancient
2. phys	nature; growth	2. neo-	new
3. psych	mind; soul; spirit	3. hier-	sacred
4. soma, somat	body	<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
5. lith, -lite	stone	1. -clasm	breakage; destruction
6. petr, peter	rock	-clast	one who shatters or destroys
7. glyph, glypt	carving	-clastic	breaking; destructive
8. icon	image; idol	2. -lysis	a loosening; solution
9. astr ¹	star	-lyst	one who solves
10. nom ²	arrangement; law	-lytic, -lytical	loosening; dissolving
11. onoma, onym	name	3. -iatry,	a healing; science of healing
12. ec, oec	house; environment	-iatrics	one who heals
13. ethn	nation	-iatrist -iatric	promoting healing

EXERCISE

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| 1. biography | 6. petrology | 11. anonymous |
| 2. physiology | 7. hieroglyphics | 12. economics |
| 3. psychiatry | 8. iconoclast | 13. anomaly ³ |
| 4. psychosomatic | 9. misoneism | 14. analysis |
| 5. paleolithic | 10. astronomy | 15. ethnologist |

¹A suffix *-aster*, meaning *inferior*, appears in a few words like *criticaster*; *poetaster*.

²The root *nom* has an interesting history. In most derivatives, *nom* means *law*. Originally, however, it meant *to allot*, *to distribute*; then, successively, a *district* (which had been allotted); then a *law* governing or a *custom* operating in the district. Apparently, the allotment of districts or lands became associated with that of grazing areas, and the root took on the additional meaning, *to graze*.

All of these meanings survive in derivatives: in *Nemesis*, the goddess of vengeance, whose duty it was to *allot* justice to wrongdoers; in *nomarch*, the ruler of a *district* or province; in *nomology*, the science of *law*, and *astronomy*, the system of *laws* governing the stars; and in *nomad*, one of a tribe moving from place to place to *pasture* their flocks. The present application of the term *nomads* to persons who have no fixed home follows naturally.

³*Anomaly* comes from *an* + *homo*, not from *a* + *nom*.