



LATIN AND GREEK ROOTS CHALLENGE™

Fill in the Roots – Week 15

-mania

(Greek mania)
obsession, madness



The duck had an obsession with getting his own way.

corp-, corpor-, corpus-

(Latin corpus, corporis)
body



At school, we study the human body.

veri, ver-

(Latin verus / veritas)
true / truth



The little girl took a pledge to tell the truth.

egomania
kleptomania
megalomania

- an obsession (_____) with oneself (_____) and one's own needs
- an obsessive (_____) impulse to steal (_____)
- an obsession (_____) with thinking of oneself as being great (_____), wealthy, or powerful

monomania*

- a madness or obsession (_____) about a single (_____) subject; the unreasonable pursuit of one idea

plutomania

- an obsession (_____) with or craving for wealth (_____)

pyromania*

- an obsession (_____) to start fires (_____)

corpulent*

- being full of (_____) body (_____); stout, bulky

corpuscle*

- a small (_____) body (_____); cell, mass, or particle

corsage

- a thing pertaining to (_____) the body (_____) of a woman's dress; bodice; nowadays, a flower or small bunch of flowers used to adorn a woman's bodice

extracorporeal

- pertaining to (_____) being outside (_____) the body (_____), such as a heart-lung machine used to oxygenate the blood during surgery

incorporate

- to act by (_____) including or combining into (_____) one body (_____) as a united whole

incorporeal

- pertaining to (_____) being without (_____) a body (_____) or substance; spiritual; nonmaterial

aver*

- to go toward (_____) the truth (_____); to affirm positively; to assert with confidence

severity

- possibly from "the state of (_____) being without (_____) kindness or truth (_____)"; harshness; sternness

veracious*

- characterized by (_____) habitually speaking the truth (_____); honest; truthful

verdict

- true (_____) speech (_____); a judgment or opinion

veritable*

- capable of (_____) having the quality of (_____) being true (_____); being truly or very much so

verity*

- the quality of (_____) being true (_____); something that is true

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Sentence Completion – Week 15

Complete these sentences using Constructed Words from the previous page.

1. In Greek mythology, Narcissus suffered from _____ characterized by his obsession with **himself**.
2. A dialysis machine is an example of an _____ device, which pertains to its being outside the **body** and used to remove waste and excess water from the blood in a patient with kidney failure.
3. The children at the beach acted by working together to _____ all of the sand they could find into the **body** of their mermaid sand sculpture.
4. By asserting that he was not guilty, Sam tried to _____ his innocence by pointing with confidence toward the **truth**.
5. The mobster suffered from _____ and was so **obsessed** with the single idea of getting revenge that he could not concentrate on anything else.
6. The veteran journalist was _____ and was always characterized as habitually speaking the **truth**.
7. An **obsession** with buying lottery tickets, due to an abnormal craving for wealth, may be a sign of _____.
8. In the cartoon, Casper the Friendly Ghost is _____, which pertains to his ability to pass through walls because he is without a **body**.
9. The newspaper story had the quality of being **true**, but had to be fact-checked to confirm its _____.

Write a paragraph that contains at least five Constructed Words from this week.

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