

Unit 4: Things you can do

19. -lysis

- a. analysis
- b. dialysis
- c. electrolysis

to dissolve

Greek

(*ana-*, to undo + *-lysis*, to dissolve)

The separation of a whole into its parts for individual study.

(*dia-*, through + *-lysis*, to dissolve)

The separation of smaller molecules from larger ones.

(*electro-*, electricity + *-lysis*, to dissolve)

Destruction of living tissue, esp. of hair roots, by means of an electric current.

20. solu, solv

- a. soluble
- b. solution
- c. solve

to loosen

Latin

(*solu*, to loosen + *-able*, able to be or do)

That which can be dissolved; possible to solve or explain.

(*solu*, to loosen + *-tion*, state, quality or act)

The answer to a problem; a mixture of two or more substances.

(*solv*, to loosen)

To find a solution to; to work out a correct answer.

21. lud, lus

- a. ludicrous
- b. illusion
- c. illusionist

to play, to mock

Latin

(*lud*, to play or mock + *-ic*, like or related to + *-ous*, having the quality of)

Laughable because of obvious absurdity.

(*il-*, not + *lus*, to play or mock + *-ion*, state, quality or act)

A wrong perception of reality.

(*il-*, not + *lus*, to play or mock + *-ion*, state, quality or act + *-ist*, one who specializes in)

A magician or ventriloquist.

22. mim

- a. mime
- b. mimeograph
- c. mimic

to imitate

Latin & Greek

(*mim*, to imitate)

A performer who portrays characters and situations by gestures instead of words.

(*mim*, to imitate + *graph*, to write)

A duplicator that makes copies of written, drawn, or typed material.

(*mim*, to imitate + *-ic*, like or related to)

To copy or imitate closely.

23. pen(d), pens, pond

- a. pendant (also pendent)
- b. pensive
- c. ponderous

to weigh, hang, heavy

Latin

(*pend*, hang + *-ant*, one that performs an action or process)

Something hanging from something else.

(*pens*, heavy + *-ive*, having the power of)

Deeply, often wistfully or with melancholy thoughtfulness.

(*pond*, to weigh + *-er*, more + *-ous*, having the quality of)

Having great weight.

24. cres(c)

- a. increase
- b. decrease
- c. crescendo

to grow

Latin

(*in-*, toward, near or into + *-cres*, to grow)

To become greater or larger.

(*de-*, reduce + *cres*, to grow)

To become lesser or smaller.

(*cresc*, to grow + *-en*, made of or cause to be)

A gradual increase, especially in volume or intensity of sound in a passage.