

《20个起源于希腊的英文单词（下）》

11.Melancholy

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For a word that is used so often in English, it has a somewhat bizarre etymology. It comes from the Greek words melas (?????, "black") and khole (????, bile), as it was once believed that when you are feeling gloomy and melancholic, your spleen produces an excess of black bile.

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12.Music

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Music means art of the Muses, the Muses being nine goddesses who presided over the arts and the sciences. A museum was originally a shrine for the Muses.

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13.Narcissism

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Narcissism comes from the Ancient Greek mythological figure of Narcissus, a young man who fell in love with himself when he saw his reflection in a lake. A nymph, who fell passionately in love with him, withered away into nothingness when he ignored her and the only thing that was left of her was her voice. Her name was Echo.

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14.Panic

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The word panic comes from the name of Ancient Greek goat-god Pan, who spread terror among the nymphs.

Panic?????????????????Pan, ????????????

15.Phobia

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Another word that means terror, a phobia is an irrational fear and there are many strange phobias today which derive from Greek.

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16.Planet

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Planet comes from the Greek verb planomai (????????) which means to wander. To the Ancient Greeks, planets were wandering stars.

Planet?????????plaomai??

17.Sarcasm

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Sarcasm comes from the word sarx (????) and it describes the act of stripping off someone's flesh, metaphorically at least, with a sneering comment.

Sarcasm?????sarx, ???

18. Schizophrenia

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From the Greek words schizein (????????, "to split") and phren (????, "mind"), it is pretty self-explanatory.

Schizophrenia ??????schizein?"?"?phren?"?"????????????

19.Tele + word

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Words that start with tele denote distance. A telephone is a voice from afar, a telescope gives you the ability to see in the distance, a telegraph enables you to write from a distance.

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20.Thespian

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Thespian is a fancy word for actor, especially a theater actor, but the name comes after Thespis himself, a 6th century B.C. Ancient Greek poet who was said to be the first person to ever appear on a stage as an actor.

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