

The Word Within the Word • Inventions #32

Neologist's Lexicon

Use the stems in this list to create a new word (neologism). Give the word, the pronunciation, the part of speech, the etymology, and the definition(s). Keep a record of the neologisms you create from list to list. Here are some examples:

sanguiloquacious (SAN gwe lo KWAY shus) adj. [*sanguis* (blood), *loqu* (talk)] 1. excessive use of the adjective *bloody* 2. speaking in coarse, offensively explicit language

heteromollidoxical (HET er o moll i DOX i cal) adj. [*hetero* (different), *moll* (soft) *dox* (opinion)] 1. having many soft-headed or ill-founded opinions 2. pertaining to a society in which such views have wide acceptance

Sesquipedalian Poetry

Using at least one word from this week's list in most lines, write a short poem. You may use regular meter, internal or end rhyme, or other poetic devices, or not! Here is a sample:

Cool Kid

megaton, megaton
anthropodynamo
cool kid, cool—if you ask me
confluent talent
my young alter ego
halt not your ego
go contravene limits
unorthodox and gregarious (precarious)
mollify my putative spirit of various altercations
with your soliloquies and

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willowtree will you grow
small spirit with your cool sangfroid
cool kid
cool

This is a lararium in a villa in Pompeii; it differs from many in that it has an altar, while most were built into the wall as an alcove with a shelf.



The Word Within the Word • Test #32

Define the stems:

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| 1. greg _____ | 11. sangui _____ |
| 2. contra _____ | 12. ver _____ |
| 3. mega _____ | 13. hypo _____ |
| 4. con _____ | 14. dox _____ |
| 5. loqu _____ | 15. moll _____ |
| 6. flu _____ | 16. alter _____ |
| 7. circum _____ | 17. pater _____ |
| 8. sol _____ | 18. tion _____ |
| 9. put _____ | 19. ous _____ |
| 10. ven _____ | 20. fy _____ |

Define the words:

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| 21. malapropism _____ | 31. not believing _____ |
| 22. portly _____ | 32. ranking _____ |
| 23. omnibus _____ | 33. difficult to ponder _____ |
| 24. unilateral _____ | 34. massive and uniform _____ |
| 25. interdiction _____ | 35. perplexed _____ |
| 26. vide _____ | 36. beginner _____ |
| 27. omniscient _____ | 37. blessing _____ |
| 28. postlude _____ | 38. pledge as security _____ |
| 29. altercation _____ | 39. make soft _____ |
| 30. sangfroid _____ | 40. second self _____ |

Write the word for each definition: