

English Derivations

Many of the words we use in English come from Latin. From your knowledge of Latin, work out the meaning of the words in **bold** type. Tick, circle or highlight the correct answer.

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| 1. At the Roman baths, the temperature in the frigidarium would be... | | |
| warm | cold | hot |
| 2. If you received a donation , would you... | | |
| cuddle it | eat it | spend it |
| 3. I must finish my epistle . Am I writing... | | |
| a letter | my life story | a shopping list |
| 4. We have labourers in our house. Are they... | | |
| dancing | singing | working |
| 5. I am hoping for a medical career. Do I want to be... | | |
| a teacher | a doctor | an actor |

The Latin word **sub** means “under”.

6. Where does a **subterranean** creature live?

7. Where does a **submarine** go?

The Latin word **circum** means “around.”

8. How would you travel to **circumnavigate** the world?

9. What part of a circle is the **circumference**?

The Latin word **mortuus** means “dead”

Make a list of English words which come from the word “mortuus” and have something to do with death.

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How did you get on?

