

My Words

Write the words that are new to you. Look them up in the dictionary and write their definitions.

Word Families

noun	diagnosis	The doctor asks the patient a series of questions to make a diagnosis.
noun	diagnostician	The doctor is an outstanding diagnostician.
verb	diagnose	It is not always easy to diagnose a disease.
adjective	diagnostic	Doctors use different diagnostic tests to identify diseases.

noun	gravity	Because of the gravity of her condition, the patient was kept in the hospital.
adjective	grave	The patient arrived at the hospital in grave condition.
adverb	gravely	The patient was gravely ill.

noun	indication	Forgetfulness may be an indication of Alzheimer's disease, or it may just be a normal part of aging.
noun	indicator	There are several key indicators that doctors look for in their diagnoses.
verb	indicate	Studies indicate that exercise helps increase brainpower.
adjective	indicative	Memory loss may be indicative of a more serious condition.

noun	impairment	Multiple sclerosis patients suffer many physical impairments.
verb	impair	Aging can impair short-term memory.
adjective	impaired	Impaired memory can be improved by regular exercise.

noun	mood	People are often in a good mood after exercising.
noun	moodiness	A person who suffers from moodiness may be helped by regular exercise.
adjective	moody	If you are feeling moody, get some exercise.
adverb	moodily	The patient replied moodily when asked if he was feeling much pain.

Word Family Practice

Choose the correct word family member from the list below to complete each blank.

If you are suffering from a bad 1..... that won't go away, it is important to see a doctor. Mild depression may be a temporary response to the normal stresses of life, but ongoing depression could 2..... a more serious condition. The doctor will ask you a series of questions and may recommend some tests to come up with a 3..... If your condition is 4....., the doctor may give you medication. If, on the other hand, you are not suffering any serious disorder or 5....., the doctor may recommend something as simple as regular exercise.

1. mood	moodiness	moody
2. indication	indicate	indicative
3. diagnosis	diagnose	diagnostic
4. gravity	grave	gravely
5. impairment	impair	impaired