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active transport	the movement of solutes against a gradient and requires the expenditure of energy (usually ATP)
anatomy	the study of the structure and relationship between body parts
antigenic hormones	hormones that act to return body conditions to within acceptable limits from opposite extremes
antigen	any molecule, usually a protein or polysaccharide, that can be identified as foreign or unusual. It may be a toxin, or a part of the protein coat of a virus, or a molecule unique to the plasma membranes
aponeurotic tendon	the fibers that make up the tendons, especially your arms, legs, hands, and feet
atrium	each blood vessel from the heart
atom	the smallest quantity of an element that still possesses the characteristics of the element
ATP (adenosine triphosphate)	a common source of activation energy for metabolic reactions
atrium	the two upper chambers of the heart
autonomic nervous system (ANS)	controls the activities of organs, glands, and visceral muscular tissues
axial skeleton	the bones that revolve around the vertical axis of the skeleton, basically the spine and skull
axial bones	of the base of each leg and arm and appear to organize their development
bulb	the part of the muscle between the origin and insertion
Boyle's law	describes the relationship between the pressure (P) and the volume (V) of a gas. The law states that if the volume increases, then the pressure must decrease (or vice versa)
capillaries	microscopic blood vessels with extremely thin walls
cardiomyocytes	any of certain organs, compounds, including the lungs, stomach, and intestines
cardiac cycle	describes all the activities of the heart through one complete heartbeat - that is, through one contraction and relaxation of both the atria and the ventricles
cardiac muscle	responsible for the rhythmic contractions of the heart
cardiac output (CO)	is the volume of blood pumped out of the right or left ventricle per minute. $CO = SV \times HR$
cardiovascular system	consists of the heart, blood vessels, and blood. This system transports nutrients, oxygen, and hormones to cells and removes metabolic waste. It protects the body and regulates body temperature
cancerous	an agent that promotes the development of cancer
cardiovascular	relating to the heart, the circulatory system, the heart and blood vessels
canine	a person who does not show symptoms of a disease, but who carries an infectious organism and can transmit it to others
cell	the basic unit of living organisms. A cell contains a nucleus and a cell wall (in plants) or a cell membrane (in animals) which surrounds the cellular material, called cytoplasm
chiropractic	a system of treatment based on manipulation of the spine

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