

CANCER – WORD LIST

- **ability** = if you can do something
- **account for** = is responsible for
- **affect** = to have an effect on
- **antibody** = material that your body produces to fight off diseases
- **attack** = hit
- **avoid** = to prevent something from happening
- **basic** = main, most important
- **beam** = ray
- **benign** = not dangerous
- **billion** = one thousand million
- **bladder** = the organ in your body that holds the urine
- **bleeding** = if blood comes out of parts of your body
- **bowels** = system of tubes inside your body where food is transformed into waste and leaves your body
- **brain** = the organ inside your head that controls how you feel and think
- **cause** = lead to
- **cereal** = breakfast food made from grain and eaten with milk
- **chance** = possibility
- **check-up** = medical examination
- **common** = widespread; something that happens very often
- **contagious** = same as infectious
- **cough** = to suddenly push air out of your throat with a short sound
- **cure** = something that makes an illness go away
- **decade** = ten years
- **destroy** = damage completely
- **detect** = find
- **develop** = grow
- **diagnose** = to find out what illness someone has
- **diarrhea** = an illness in which you often have to go to the toilet and the waste from your body is watery and comes out often
- **discover** = to find for the first time
- **disease** = illness
- **divide** = split apart
- **DNA** = a substance that carries genetic information in the cells of the body
- **environment** = the world around us
- **examine** = look at , inspect
- **explode** = blow up
- **expose** = here: go out into
- **flu** = an illness that makes you feel tired and weak; sometimes you get fever
- **gene therapy** = form of treatment in which genes are put into the ill parts of your body
- **growth** = increase, if something gets bigger
- **harmful** = dangerous
- **harmless** = not dangerous
- **healthy** = strong, and not ill
- **illness** = disease
- **income** = the money you get when you work
- **increase** = to go up
- **infectious** = something that can be passed from one person to another
- **infertile** = not able to have babies
- **inherit** = to get something from your parents or grandparents
- **inject** = to put into your body with a needle
- **insert** = to put into
- **invade** = attack , get into
- **lifestyle** = the way we live
- **loss** = to lose something
- **lotion** = crème, milk

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- **lump** = a hard swollen area in your body
- **lymphatic system** = clear liquid that is formed in your body and passes into the blood system to fight infection
- **malignant** = dangerous
- **metastasize** = cancer cells spread to other parts of the body
- **multiply** = grow, increase
- **nuclear power plant** = place where atomic energy is produced
- **occur** = happen
- **pain** = the feeling you have when parts of your body hurt
- **pathologist** = a person who examines and studies a part of your body
- **patient** = a person who has a disease or who is ill
- **prevent** = keep away from
- **process** = development
- **progress** = to improve something so that it gets better
- **prostate** = the organ of a man that produces a liquid which carries sperm
- **protect** = guard, look after
- **protection** = guard, defence, safety
- **radiation** = a form of energy that comes from nuclear power
- **ray** = a narrow line of light or energy
- **recently** = in the last few years
- **reduce** = to make smaller
- **regularly** = often, repeatedly
- **remove** = to take away
- **reproduce** = to make new ones
- **researcher** = a person who studies a topic and the effects it has
- **scientist** = a person who is trained in science
- **serious** = very bad
- **side effect** = an additional effect that medicine has on your body
- **single** = only one, alone
- **spread** = to move from one place to another
- **stem cells** = a special type of cell that can divide and make other cells that have other qualities
- **strengthen** = to make stronger
- **successful** = to be good at something and to reach what you wanted
- **surgery** = to cut open your body and remove or repair something
- **tiny** = very, very small
- **tissue** = the cells that form different soft parts of your body
- **transfusion** = to transfer blood from one person to another
- **treat** = to cure an illness by using medicine or operation
- **treatment** = something that is done to cure an ill person
- **urine** = the yellow liquid that comes out of your body
- **victim** = people who have the illness
- **vomit** = to bring up food from your stomach through your mouth because you are ill
- **weight** = how heavy someone is
- **wholegrain** = grain that is not processed; it has all the vitamins and healthy substances in it
- **X-ray** = rays that can go through objects and is used for taking a picture of the inside of someone's body