

**CLA 201 H1S — GK UNIT 15**  
**Sigma, Tau, Theta pp 212–217**

**speira = coil, e.g. spiral, spirochete**

**speirein - to sow seed,**

**sperma/spermatos = seed (cf. L. semen),**

**e.g. sperm, spermatozoon, spora = sowing (of seed), seed**

**sporadikos = scattered, e.g. spore, sporadic, sporidium**

**sphaira = sphere, globe, e.g. atmosphere, spheroid**

**sphingein = bind tightly, e.g. sphinktēr (agent),**

**e.g. sphincter**

**sphyzein = to throb, beat, sphygmos = pulse,**

**e.g. asphyxia, bradysphygmia**

**splēn/splēnos = spleen, e.g. hepatosplenitis**

**spondylos = vertebra, e.g. spondylodynia, spondyloschisis,**

**spondylotherapy, spondylitis, spondylodiagnosis**

**spongos = sponge**

**sta- & stē- (verb histanai = to stand),**

**cf. L stare/statum p 122**

**stasis = standing, stoppage, ΣΤΑΣΙΣ**

**cf. apostasis, diastasis, diastēma**

**e.g. static, statics, apostasy, metastasis,**

**hemostatic, ecstasy**

**stellein = to send (stolos = something sent)**

e.g. systole = drawing up or contraction,  
diastole = heart muscle dilatation or expansion,  
apostle)

staphylē = bunch of grapes, uvula, e.g. staphyloma

stear/steatos = fat (cf. lipos p 183), e.g. steatoma

stenos/ē/on = narrow (opp. platys or eurys),  
e.g. stenosis

stereos/a/on = solid, e.g. cholesterol,  
stereoscopic, stereophonic

sternon & stēthos = breast or chest,  
e.g. sternum, stethoscope

sthenos = strength, e.g. calisthenics, asthenia

stizein = to tattoo, stigma = a tattoo

stoma/stomatos = mouth or opening,  
stomachos = throat ... stomach,  
e.g. stoma, stomatitis, stomach

strephein = to turn, strepsis = ?, streptos = twisted,  
e.g. streptococcus, streptosepticemic

stylos = pillar or pole, e.g. style, peristyle,  
stylist, stylize, L. stilus

syrinx/syringos = shepherd's pipe, pipe, e.g. syringe

tachys/y/eia = swift or quick,

e.g. tachometer, tachycardia

tauton = article “the” = Greek  $\tau\omicron$  + auton (self p 153) = the same,

e.g. tautology = periphrasis = circumlocution

Motto: ΓΝΩΘΙ ΣΑΥΤΟΝ = Know Thyself

tattein or tassein = to arrange,

taxis = action of arranging,

e.g. taxonomy, taxi(meter), tax

technē = art or skill

e.g. technique, technology, technical, technician,

technocracy, technocrat

teinein = stretch (cf. L tendere, etc. p 125),

tetanos = stretched, e.g. tetanus

tenōn/tenontos = tendon, e.g. tenonectomy, tenonitis

tonos = something stretched, tension, e.g. tone, tonic

tēle = far off or at a distance,

e.g. telephone, telegraph, television,

telepathy, telescope, telephoto

telos = completion or goal or end, e.g. teleology

Theta  $\Theta$ ,  $\theta$  = Eng. th

thalamos = inner room or chamber, e.g. thalamus

thalassa = sea, e.g. thalassemia, thalassocracy

thanatos = death, e.g. euthanasia