

“Feed” Etymology

Directions: As you read Feed by M.T. Anderson, you will notice that he has invented a “future speak” for his characters. He does not define these words for us, but rather hopes that we figure it out. In the space provided, you will create an **etymology** or *a study of the origin of the word*.

- a. Write the page number and the sentence **exactly** as it appears in the novel.
- b. Write what the word means using context clues.
- c. From which word does it derive? What is the original word?
- d. What is the definition of the original word?
- e. How is the Anderson’s word being used in the novel? Has the meaning been changed?

You will complete **a-e** for each of the new words that Anderson creates in Feed.

This will be written in your notebook. Write the heading “Feed Vocabulary Etymology” on a blank page and begin.

For example:

null

- A. page 3: “Link Arwaker was like, “I’m so null,” and Marty was all, “I’m null too, unit”...
- B. empty, numb, out of it
- C. from Latin *nullus* meaning “none” or “not any”
- D. having the value of zero, lacking distinctive qualities
- E. In the novel, the word “null” is associated with how the characters are feeling and it is not related to mathematics. However, the connotation of the feeling of nothingness or zero is similar to the original use of the word.