

A yellow speech bubble with a tail pointing towards the bottom-left corner, set against a dark blue background.

**Word of the Week**

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Atrium  
(noun)

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?

## Definition

1. A very large room, often with glass walls or roof, especially in the middle of a large shop or office building
1. One of the two spaces at the top part of the heart that receive blood from the veins and push it down into the ventricles

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## Examples

“The building surrounded an atrium with floor to ceiling windows, a reception desk, coffee shop and an array of plants.”

“The atrium is one of the two spaces at the top part of the heart that receive blood from the veins and push it down into the ventricles.”

Can you come up with your own?

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## Synonyms

Courtyard

Quadrangle

Court

Galleria

Plaza

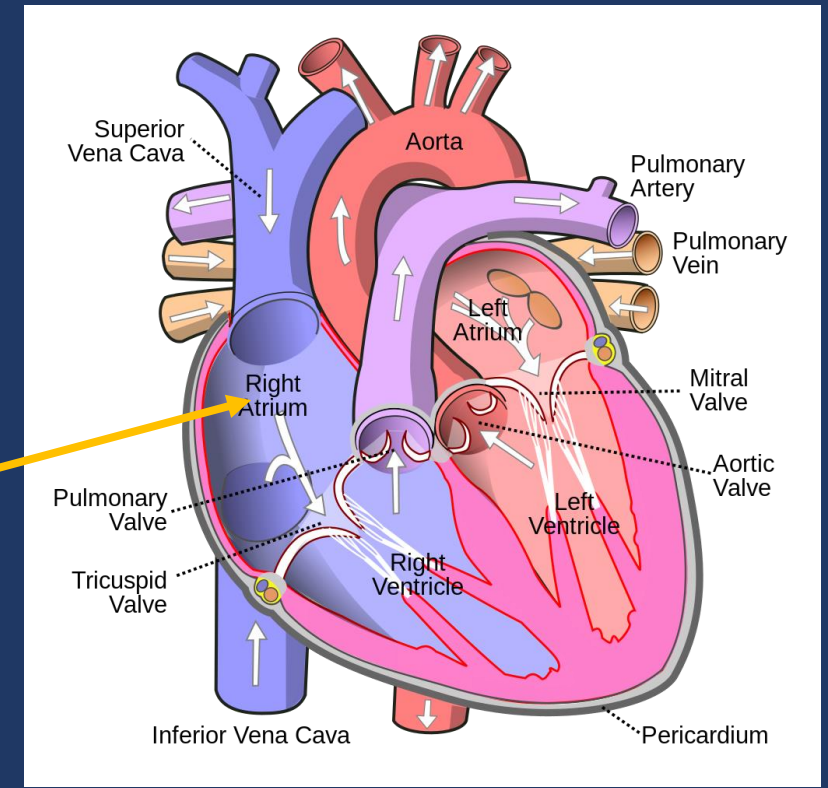
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# How did atrium come to have these two definitions?



Large open area in  
a building

Top chambers of  
the heart



## Word of the Week

# Atrium

From the latin  
*Atrium*  
'Entry hall'



The large, open  
**entry hall** of a  
building

The **chamber**  
through which blood  
**enters** the heart

