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**auscultation**

(ɔːskəlˈteʃən) [ad. L. auscultātiōn-em, f. auscultāt-: see prec. and -ATION.]

1. The action of listening or hearkening.

   - **1634** HICKES Lucian (T.) You shall hear what deserves attentive auscultation. **1836** H. TAYLOR Statesman xxxi. 239 He who can listen with real attention to every thing that is said to him, has a great gift of auscultation. **1842** MRS. BROWNING Grk. Chr. Poets (1863) 64 The suggestive name of acroases—auscultations, things intended to be heard.

2. **Med.** The action of listening, with ear or stethoscope, to the sound of the movement of heart, lungs, or other organs, in order to judge their condition of health or disease.
