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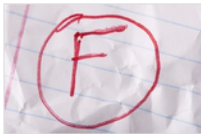
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— Alicia Wallace, *The Cannabist*, "Colorado PTSD marijuana bill advances with House amendments focused on children," 20 Apr. 2017

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Origin and Etymology of CACHEXIA

Late Latin *cachexia*, from Greek *kachexia* bad condition, from *kak-* cac- + *hexis* condition, from *echein* to have, be disposed — more at [SCHEME](#)

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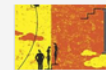


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