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Our word “human” comes from the ... root dhghem, meaning simply “earth.”

The most telling cognate word is “humus,” the primary product of microbial industry. ... It gives a new ... spin to the old cliché for an apology: “Sorry, I’m only human.”

**A.** Lady fern

**B.** Ecotype

**C.** Wham-O

**D.** Indium

**E.** Singles

**F.** Tom Thumb

**G.** Hog-wild

**H.** Oh Henry!

**I.** Midterm

**J.** Airworthy

**K.** Strand

**L.** Foghorn

**M.** Rh factor

**N.** Animus

**O.** Goodrich

**P.** Improv

**Q.** Luminous

**R.** Ergot

**S.** Say uncle

**T.** Plutarch

**U.** Emotion

**V.** Competing

**W.** Isopleth

**X.** Emory

**Y.** Sea salt