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# Translocations

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We replicate abnormally. We suffer from the rational.  
We radiate excessively, fold into flats then flex our thighs.  
We cycle then proliferate. We implicate, psychologize.

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