

Prefixes and Suffixes

Prefixes

a-	without
adeno-	gland
an-	no, not, or without
ana-	without
anti-	against
bi-	two
brady-	slow
cryo-	use of liquid nitrogen to freeze
de-	to come down
dis-	to free of, separate from, or undo
dys-	difficult; bad or faulty
electro-	electricity
endo-	internal; within or inside
epi-	over, upon, above
eu-	good or well-being
ex-	outward
hemi-	half
hemo-	blood
histo-	tissue
hydro-	water
hyper-	over, excessive
hypo-	under, decreased
inter-	between
intra-	within
mal-	bad
mano-	pressure
mito-	threads
mono-	one
oligo-	scant or scanty
pan-	entire
per-	through
peri-	around
photo-	light
poly-	much, many, excessive
post-	after
pre-	before
proto-	first or to create
quadri-	four
sub-	below, under, or beneath
supra-	above

syn-	together
tachy-	fast
tri-	three

Suffixes

-ac	pertaining to
-ad	toward
-al	pertaining to
-algia	pain
-ant	the thing of which
-ar	pertaining to
-arche	beginning
-ary	pertaining to
-asthenia	exhaustion
-atic	pertaining to
-blast	developing or immature cell
-cele	hernia, herniation
-centesis	puncture
-clasia	artificial breaking to provide movement
-crine	secrete
-cusis	hearing
-cyst	fluid-filled sac or bladder
-cyte	cell
-desis	binding or stabilizing
-drome	course or set
-dynia	pain
-ectasis	dilation
-ectomy	removal, excision
-edema	abnormal accumulation of fluid in intercellular body spaces
-elastic	elastic
-emia	condition of blood
-gen	beginning or producing
-genic	originating within
-gram	picture or record
-graph	record, diagram
-graphy	process of recording
-ia	condition of or pertaining to
-iasis	condition, presence of
-iatry	healing or treatment
-ic	pertaining to
-ion	process or action
-is	noun ending
-ism	condition

-ist	specialty
-kinesis	movement
-lalia	talk
-lepsy	seizure
-logist	one who specializes
-logy	study of
-lysis	separation, destruction, dissolution
-lytic	destruction
-malacia	softening
-mania	excited state, obsession
-megaly	enlargement
-meter	instrument used to measure
-metry	process of measuring, measurement
-oid	resembling
-oma	tumor
-opia	vision
-opsia	vision
-orrhaphy	suturing or repairing
-osis	condition or process
-ous	pertaining to
-pathy	disease, disorder, or pathological condition
-pause	stopping of, stop
-penia	decreased or below normal
-pexy	fixation
-phagia	eating
-phasia	speech
-phlyaxis	protection
-phobia	persistent, irrational fear
-phoria	bearing, the state of
-phrenia	mind
-physis	growth
-plasia	growth or development
-plasty	plastic repair
-plegia	paralysis
-pnea	breathing
-poiesis	making or producing
-porosis	condition of holes, pores, or cavities
-prandial	pertaining to a meal
-ptosis	falling or drooping
-ptysis	spitting
-rrhagia	excessive bleeding
-rrhaphy	suture
-rrhea	discharge
-schisis	split, cleft, fissure
-sclerosis	hardening

-scope	instrument used to examine
-scopy	testing or examination with a scope, visual examination
-sepsis	toxic or pathogenic (disease-producing)
-somes	specified or special body
-spasm	muscle contraction
-stasis	stopped (not moving)
-stenosis	narrowing
-stomy	making of an opening
-therapy	treatment
-tion	process
-tocia	labor (childbirth)
-tome	instrument used for cutting
-tomy	surgical incision
-toxic	toxic
-tripsy	crushing
-trophy	development, nourishment
-tropia	turning
-tropic	influencing
-uria	urine
-us	indicates a singular noun
-zoa	lives
-zoon	life