

Suffix / Prefix	Meaning	Example(s)	Meaning of Example
alpha (root word)	1st letter of the Greek alphabet (α)	alphabet	a set of letters (formed from alpha + beta the first two letter of the Greek alphabet)
amphi-	both sides	amphitheatre (US: amphitheater)	a large oval theatre with seats on all sides.
asphalt (root word)	a mineral pitch	asphalt	a black petroleum distillation and road surfaces made from it
blepharo-	eyelid	blepharitis	redness and swelling (inflammation) of the eyelid
encephalo-	brain	encephalic	concerning the brain
esopha-	throat	esophagus (also oesophagus)	throat
lymph (root word)	colourless bodily fluid	lymphocyte	a cell that attacks invading microorganism
nephro-	of the kidneys	nephrology	the study of the kidneys
omphalo-	of the belly-button	omphalocele	a condition when some of the intestine sticks through in the abdominal wall near the belly-button
onycho-	nail of a finger or toe	onycholysis	the loss of a fingernail or toenail
oophoro-	having an egg	oophorectomy	surgical removal of ovaries
ophthalmo	eye	ophthalmoscope	instrument for examining the retina of the eye
-graph graph-	writing	pictograph	pictures used as a form of writing
-phagous -phage -phagia phago- -phagus	eating	1. entomophagous 2. phagocytosis 3. esophagus (also oesophagus)	1. feeding on insects 2. bacterial eating 3. throat
phallo-	male reproductive organ	phallic	looks similar to the male reproductive organ
-phane	looks like	cellophane	a thin clear wrapping
pharmaco-	Use of potions or spells	pharmacy	a store selling medicine
pharyn-	throat	pharyngitis,	Inflammation of the throat

-pHEME	speech	blaspheme	to speak disrespectfully about God
phlebo-	vein	phlebogram	picture of a vein
-philia	friendship	anglophilia	liking England
-philic	loving	thermophilic	grows well in hot weather
Philippos (root word)	fond of horses	Phillip	Boy's name
philo-	loving	philosophy	The love of knowledge
-phobe -phobia -phobic	fear	acrophobia	an irrational fear of heights Note: Acrophobia is the insanity, a person with it is an acrophobe and the adjective form is acrophobic.
-phone	sound	telephone	an electronic device used to speak to someone far away
phono-	sound	phonograph	a record player
photo- phos-	light	photograph phosphorus	a picture made by a camera a chemical that glows in the dark
phreni- phreno-	the mind	phrenic	a variant of 'frantic'
physic (root word)	natural science	physician	doctor
phyto-	plant	phytochemistry	the chemistry of plants
prophet (root word)	before + speak (a spokesman, especially of god)	prophecy	a prediction of the future based on knowledge from god
porphyr-	purple	porphyria	a genetic disease (One of the symptoms is coloured urine.)
-rrhaphy	stitching	gastrorrhaphy	surgical sewing of a hole in the stomach
-sphere	ball	hemisphere	Half of a sphere, especially of the earth or the brain
-trophy	nourishment	atrophy	to weaken or shrink from lack of use or bloodflow
xiph-	sword	xiphisternum	The lowest part of the sternum or breast bone.