Common Prefixes, Suffixes, and Root Words

• Prefixes of Quantity and Size

amphi-, diplo-
bi, di-
centi-
equi-, iso-
haplo-
hemi-, semi-
hex-
holo-
macro-
milli-
mono-, uni-
multi-, poly-
 oligo-
onmi-
pento-
quadrroi-
tri-
both, double, two
two
one hundredth
equal
single, simple
one-half
six
whole
large
small
one thousandth
one
many
few
all
five
four
three

• Prefixes of Direction or Position

ab-, de-, ef-, ex-
acro-, apici-
ad-, af-
antero-, proto-
anti-, contra-
archi-, primi-, proto-
circum-, peri-
deutero-
dia-, trans-
ecto-, exo-, extra-
endo-, ento-, intra-
epi-
away, away from
top, highest
to, toward
front
against, opposite
first
around
second
across
outside
inner, within
upon, over

hyper-, supra-
hypo-, infra-, sub-
inter-, meta-
 intra-
medi-, meso-
post-, postero-
pre-, pro-
retro-
ultra-
above, over
under, below
between
within
middle
behind
before, in front of
backward
beyond

• Miscellaneous Prefixes

a-, an-, e-
chloro-
con-
contra-
dis-
dys-
erythro-
eu-
hetero-
homo-, homeo-
leuco-, leuko-
meta-
necro-
neuro-
pseudo-
re-
sym-, syn-
tachy-
without, lack of
green
together, with
against
apart, away
difficult, painful
red
true, good
different, other
same, similar
white
change, after
dead, corpse
new
false
again
together, with
quick, rapid

• Miscellaneous Suffixes

-ac, -al, -alis, -an, -ar, -ary
-asis, -asia, -esis
-blast
pertaining to
condition of
bud, sprout
-cide
-clast
-elle, -il
-emia
-for
-ia, -ism
-ic, -ical, -ine, -ous
-id
-itis
-logy
-lysis
-old
-oma
-osis
-pathy
-ophore, -phora
-sect, -tome, -tomy
-some, -soma
-stat
-tropic
-vor

killer
break down,
broken
little, small
condition of
blood
to bear
condition of
pertaining to
member of group
inflammation
study of
loosening, split
apart
like, similar to
tumor
a condition,
disease
bearer
cut
body
stationary, placed
change, influence
to eat

man, male
joint
self
life
bud, sprout
arm
gill
windpipe
cancer
heart
flesh
head
bile
cartilage
color
hollow

crani, -o
cuti
cyst, -i, -o
cyt, -e, -o
derm, -a, -ato
tenetro
gastr, -i, po
gen
gyn, -o, gyneco
hem, -e, -ato
hist, -i, -o
hydro
lip, -o
mere

morph, -i, -o
myo
neph, -i, -o
neur, -i, -o
oculo
odont
oo, ovi
oss, -eo, osteo
oto
path, -i, -o
phag, -o
phyl
phytc
plasm

pneumo, -n
pod, -ia
proct, -o
soma, -to
sperm, -a, -ato
stasis, stat, -i, -o

stoma, -e, -to
therm, -o
trophi
ur, -ja
uro, uran
viscer
vita
zoo, zoa

skull
skin
bag, sac, bladder
cell
skin
intestine
stomach
to produce
female
blood
tissue
water
fat
segment, body
section
shape, form
muscle
kidney
nerve
eye
tooth
egg
bone
ear
disease
to eat
leaf
plant
formative
substance
lung
foot
anus
body
seed
stationary,
standing still
mouth, opening
heat
food, nourish
urine
tail
internal organ
life
animal