

Prefixes, Suffixes, and Word Roots glossaries

Description

Medical word structure is a fundamental unit.

Prefixes, suffixes, word roots, and combining forms are the word elements used to build medical terms. A medical term may contain some or all of these elements.

A word root is the foundation of the term; it contains its primary meaning.

A combining form is created when a word root is combined with a vowel.

A suffix is a word element at the end of the term that changes its meaning. Many suffixes are derived from Latin or Greek. Suffixes usually describe a disease or abnormality, symptom, surgical or diagnostic procedure.

A prefix is a word element at the beginning of the word or word root. Not all terms contain a prefix. The prefix changes the meaning of the term. Prefixes usually indicate a number, time, position, direction, or negation.

Requirements

There are three separate glossaries, one for prefixes, one for suffixes, and one for word roots.

You must post in each glossary.

In the prefix glossary: 3 Prefixes (for full marks, prefixes must have the hyphen after the word e.g. a-)

In the suffix glossary: 3 Suffixes (for full marks, prefixes must have the hyphen before the word e.g. -ic)

In the word roots glossary : 3 Word Roots

Postings must be original; you will not get marks for posting a word that has been posted by another student. The purpose of this is to ensure that you read each other's posts and learn from each other.

Grading Rubric

Prefixes, Suffixes, and Word Roots glossaries – worth 30%

Level of Mastery	Level 1 A limited mastery of knowledge and skills: below basic expectations			Level 2 A partial mastery with limited to basic performance or expected achievement			Level 3 A solid consistent performance; demonstrated competency of knowledge and skills			Level 4 A superior, consistent performance; beyond expectations
Number of entries (9 marks)	3 or less entries are posted.			6 or less entries are posted, but more than 3.			Less than 9 entries are posted, but more than 6.			3 prefixes, 3 suffixes, and 3 word roots are posted.
	0	3	5	6	7	8	8.5	9	9.5	10
Accuracy and Originality (3 marks)	Words may be incorrectly defined, and posts may not be original.			Major errors exist in one or more areas.			Minor errors exist in one area.			Postings are not duplicates, and are correctly defined.
	0	3	5	6	7	8	8.5	9	9.5	10
Writing Skills (3 mark)	Many significant grammar, spelling and punctuation errors throughout. Hyphens are not used appropriately for prefixes and suffixes.			Writing skills are below the expected level as reflected in many grammar, spelling and punctuation errors. Hyphens are used inconsistently for prefixes and suffixes.			Writing contains minor grammatical, spelling and punctuation errors. There may be a hyphen missing.			Writing is free of grammatical, spelling and punctuation errors. Hyphens are used consistently and appropriately for prefixes and suffixes.
	0	3	5	6	7	8	8.5	9	9.5	10