

Ecology Prefixes, Suffixes and Roots

Suffix, Root, Prefix	Definition	Example
Meta-	Beyond, after, in succession to	Metastasis, metatarsals
nas(o)	Nose	Nasal, nasosinusitis
-opia	Vision	Myopia, presbyopia, nyctalopia
ot(o)	Ear	Otic, otalgia, otorrhea
-pnea	Breathing	Apnea, hyperpnea, orthopnea
-ptosis	Prolapse, sagging, sagged	Nephroptosis, colpoptosis
Pyr-, pyro-	Fire, fever	Pyrogen, pyretic, pyromaniac
Quin-	Five	Quintuplet
-septic	Infection, putrefaction	Septic tank
Somn-	Sleep	Insomnia
Spec-, spic-	Look at	Spectrum
-spor-	Seed	Spore
Sub-	Under, below	Sublingual, subcutaneous
Tax-	Put in order, arrange	Taxonomy
Telo-	End	Telophase
Turb-	Whirl	Turbine, turbidity
Vect-	Carry	Vector
Vig-	Strong	Vigorous
Volv-	Roll, wander	Revolve