**Prefixes, Suffixes and Roots**

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| **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  |