“Biology Prefix/Suffix List”

Biology is a course “filled” with vocabulary. Some of the vocabulary terms we study will be easy for you to remember, while others may not be. The following prefixes and suffixes will be used at various times during the school year. Learning these prefixes and suffixes may help you to remember the meaning of an unknown term.

1. A – without 46. Lysis – breaking down

2. Ab – away from 47. Macro – large

3. Arthro – joint 48. Mer – unit

4. Ase – enzyme 49. Meso – middle

5. Auto – self 50. Meta – many or higher level

6. Bio – life 51. Micro – small

7. Cardio – heart 52. Mono – one

8. Cephalo – head 53. Morph – form or shape

9. Chloro – green 54. Multi – many

10. Chrome or Chromo – color 55. Myo – muscle

11. Cide – kill 56. Neuro – nerve

12. Cyano – dark blue 57. Noto – back

13. Cyto or Cyte – cell 58. (O)logy – study of

14. De – take away 59. Omni – all

15. Dent – tooth 60. Ose – carbohydrate

16. Derm – skin 61. Osteo – bone

17. Di – two 62. Ova or Ovi – egg

18. Eco – home 63. Paleo – ancient

19. Ecto or Exo – outside 64. Phage – eating

20. Ectomy – to cut 65. Philic – like or attracted to

21. Endo – inside 66. Phobic – fear or repulsed by

22. Epi – over or above 67. Photo – light

23. Erythro – red 68. Phyll or Phyllo – leaf

24. Gastro – stomach 69. Phyto - plant

25. Gen – born or create 70. Plasma – form

26. Geo – land or earth 71. Ped or Pod – foot

27. Gluco or Glyco – sweet 72. Poly – many

28. Graph – picture 73. Proto – first

29. Hem – blood 74. Pseudo – false

30. Hemi – half 75. Renal – kidney

31. Hepato – liver 76. Saccharide – sugar

32. Hetero – unlike or different 77. Saur – lizard

33. Holo – whole or entire 78. Soma – body

34. Homo – like or same 79. Synthesis – putting together

35. Hydro – water 80. Taxic – move towards

36. Hyper – over or more 81. Taxis – arrangement

37. Hypo – under or less 82. Tetra – four

38. Ichthyo – fish 83. Therm – temperature

39. In – without 84. Toxic – poisonous

40. Inter – between 85. Trans – across

41. Intra – within 86. Tri – three

42. Iso – equal 87. Troph – feeding

43. Itis – inflammation 88. Tropic – grow towards

44. Leuco – white 89. Uni – one

45. Lip or Lipo – fat 90. Zoo - animal