

Other important prefixes

tele- = distant.

Examples:

telephone = distant sound.

telegram = distant text.

telescope = distant inspection.

television = distant watching.

auto- = self.

Examples:

autolysis = self digestion,

autophagy = self eating

semi- = half, partly.

Examples:

semilunar = a half moon or crescent.

semicircular = a half circle.

semiconscious = partially conscious.

cata- = down, from.

Examples:

catabolism = a breaking down metabolism.

catabiotic = the vital processes other than growth.

andro- = male.

Examples:

androgen = the male hormone.

androphagia = cooking and eating men (paraphilia).

estro- = female. Example: **estrogen** = the female hormone.

myo- = muscle.

Examples:

myomalacia = softening of the heart muscle..

myorrhesis = the laceration or tearing of a muscle.

neuro- = nerve

Examples:

neurorrhaphy = suturing of nerve.

neuroglia = nerve glue (cells that support neurons).

oculo- = eye.

Examples:

oculomotor = (the nerve) moving eye ball.

oculist = (a doctor) specialized in eye.

onco- = tumor.

Examples:

oncology = the study of tumors.

oncogenic = can cause cancer..

iso- = equal, the same.

Examples:

isoosmotic = having the same osmotic pressure.

isothermal = with equal temperature.

isomorph = the same form.

brady- = slow. Example: **bradycardia** = slow heart rate.

tachy- = rapid. Example: **tachycardia** = rapid heart rate.

eu- = real, good, well, normal.

Examples:

eupnea = normal breathing.

eukaryotic = has real nucleus.

pseudo- = false, fake.

Examples:

pseudopalate = faked (prosthetic) palate.

pseudostoma = false mouth.

hetero- = different.

Examples:

heterograft = different transplant.

heterozygous = having different alleles (of genes).

homo- = same.

Examples:

homogenous = of the same kind or phase.

homosexual = attracted to the same sex.