

**QUICK ACCESS TABLE FOR SUFFIXES**  
**(Suffix to Definition)**

<b><u>SUFFIX</u></b>	<b><u>DEFINITION</u></b>
-a	noun ending
-ac	pertaining to
-ad	toward
-al	pertaining to
-algesia	sensitivity to pain
-algia	pain; suffering
-an	characteristic of
-ar	pertaining to
-arche	beginning
-ary	pertaining to
-ase	enzyme
-assay	to evaluate
-asthenia	loss of strength
-ate	something that
-blast	embryonic stage of development
-capnia	condition of carbon dioxide content in the blood
-cele	swelling; herniation
-centesis	surgical procedure
-cide	to kill; to destroy

-clasis	crushing; breaking up
-clast, -clastic	to break
-crine	secrete
-cyesis	pregnancy
-cyte	cell
-cythemia	condition involving cells of the blood
-desis	binding or surgical fusion
-dipsia	thirst
-drome	that which runs together
-dynia	pain
-e	noun ending
-eal	pertaining to
-ectasia	stretching or dilatation
-ectic	pertaining to
-ectomy	surgical removal
-emesis	to vomit
-emia	blood
-er	one who
-es	noun ending
-esis	condition of
-esthesia	sensation or feeling
-gen	producing; forming
-gene	producing; forming

-genesis	producing; forming
-genic	producing; forming
-globin	containing protein
-gram	record; picture
-graph	an instrument used to record
-graphy	writing; record
-gravida	pregnancy
-i	pleural ending
-ia	condition, noun ending
-iac	pertaining to
-ian	specialist in field of study
-iasis	presence of abnormal condition
-iatic	pertaining to a condition
-iatic(s)	relating to medicine, physicians, or medical treatment
-iatrician	one who treats; a physician
-iatrist	one who treats; a physician
-iatry	medical treatment; medical profession
-ic	pertaining to
-ical	pertaining to
-ician	specialist in a field of study
-ile	pertaining to; capable
-ion	action; process

-is	noun ending
-ism	condition; theory
-ist	practitioner
-itis	inflammation
-ize	to make; to treat or combine with
-kinesis	movement
-lepsy	seizure; attack
-lexia	reading
-lith	stone; calculus
-lithiasis	presence or formation of stones
-logist	one who specializes
-logy	the study of
-lysis	destruction; detachment
-lytic	destruction
-malacia	softening
-mania	a mental disorder; madness
-megaly	enlargement
-meter	an instrument used to measure
-metry	the process of measuring
-natal	pertaining to birth
-oid	resembling
-ole	small or little
-oma	tumor

-opsia	vision
-optosis	drooping or prolapse
-ory	pertaining to; characterized by
-os	suffix indicating a singular noun
-ose	carbohydrate
-osis	condition
-otomy	incision into
-ous	pertaining to
-para	bearing offspring
-paresis	partial paralysis
-pathy	disease
-penia	decrease in; deficiency
-pepsia	state of digestion
-pexy	surgical fixation
-phage	to eat
-phagia	to eat
-phasia	speech
-philia	attracted to; tendency toward
-phobia	abnormal fear
-phoresis	transmission
-phoria	emotional state
-physis	growth, growing
-plakia	plate; flat plane

-plasia	formation; development
-plasm	to mold
-plasty	surgical repair
-plegia	paralysis; stroke
-pnea	breathing
-poiesis	formation; production
-porosis	passage or pore
-praxia	activity; practice
-ptosis	drooping or prolapse
-ptysis	spitting
-rrhage	excessive flow or discharge
-rrhagia	excessive flow or discharge
-rrhaphy	suturing
-rrhea	drainage
-rrhea	discharge, flow
-rrhexis	rupture
-scope	an instrument used to view
-scopy	process of viewing
-sis	condition
-some	a "body" of a specified sort
-spasm	twitching; involuntary contraction
-stasis	stopping or controlling
-sthenia	strength

-stomy	the surgical creation of a new opening
-therapy	treatment
-thorax	chest
-thymia	condition of the mind or will
-tic	pertaining to
-tion	process of
-tocia	labor
-tomy	incision into
-tresia	perforation
-tripsy	intentional crushing
-trophy	nourishment; development
-tropia	to turn
-tropin	stimulating effect of a hormone
-ula	small; little
-ule	small one
-um	a suffix that identifies singular nouns
-uria	urine
-us	a suffix that identifies singular nouns
-y	noun ending