

Unit B: Client Communications
Terminology List - Prefixes and Suffixes

Prefixes

a, an	without
ab	away from
acr, acro	extremities (arms & legs)
to	
ad	toward
ambi	both, both sides
ante	before
anti	against
aut	self
bi	both, two
brady	slow
circum	round
contra	against
di	two
diplo	double
dys	painful, difficult
ecto	outside
endo	inside
epi	upper, above
ex	out, from
hemi	half
hyper	excessive, , above, more than
hypo	deficient, below, less than
inter	between
intra	inside, within
macro	large
mega	large
meta	between
micro	small
mono	one, single
neo	new
para	beside, beyond
peri	around,
poly	many, much
post	behind, after
pre	before, in front of
pro	forward
pseudo	false
retro	backward, behind
semi	half
sub	below
tachy	fast
tele	distant, far
trans	across
ultra	beyond, excess

Suffixes

ac, ic	pertaining to
able	capable of
al	like, similar, pertaining
algia	pain
ase	enzyme
centre	puncture
cide	causing death
cente	puncture
crine	secrete
ectomy	surgical removal
emesis	vomit
emia	blood
esthesia	sensation
genesis, genic	origin, source
gram, graph	pictures, record
ia	a disease
iasis	abnormal condition
ic, cial, is	pertaining to
ism	state of
itis	inflammation
lysis	destruction
malacia	softening
megaly	enlarged
oid	like, similar
ologist	specialist
ology	study of
oma	tumor
orrhagia	hemorrhage
orrhea	flow
osis	condition of
ostomy	surgical opening
pathy	disease
penia	deficiency
phobia	fear
plasty	surgical repair
plegia	stroke, paralysis
ptosis	drooping down
rhagia	bursting forth
sclerosis	hardening
scope	picture, inspection
spasm	contraction
stasis	stoppage
trophy	development, growth
uria	urine