

Medical Terminology Prefixes

Directions:

1. Print cards double sided and cut vocabulary cards
2. Choose an activity method for learning vocabulary words

Class method

- Read the vocabulary word aloud and ask for volunteers to provide the definition
or
- Read the definition aloud and ask for volunteers to provide the vocabulary word

Small group method

1. Divide the class into small groups
2. Give each group a set of the cards
3. Have one person pick a card and read it aloud to the group
4. The first person in the group to get it right gets a point and is the next person to read a card

Concentration method

1. Pair the students up
2. Give each pair a set of cards
3. Lay the vocabulary cards on a table with the definition side down
4. Each player takes a turn reading a word and saying the definition
5. If the definition is correct, the player picks up the card and keeps it as a point
6. If the definition is incorrect, the next player takes a turn
7. Continue until all cards are drawn



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ana-

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away from

without, absence of

toward or in direction of

top or extremities

pertaining to

air, gas

up or apart

without, not

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celio-

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against or opposed

before or in front of

two, double

self

immature cell

relating to bile

abdomen

slow

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di-

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with

denoting the coccyx

produced from adrenal cortex

against, opposite

away from, down

cold

two

right sided

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endo-

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separate

through, across

out, away

difficult, abnormal, bad

outer, outside

sound waves

inside/within

inside within

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equal

above, on

out, away

good, well

outside

outside

half of

cystic tumor

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similar

sweat

water

same

extreme, beyond, excessive

deficient

within, not

below

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juxta-

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below

within, not

within

between, among

relating to the iris

relating to the iris

next to

equal

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large, long

movement

middle

bad, poor

middle

enlargement

small

beyond

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onco-

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osmo-

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many

single, one

not

new

having little or few
of something

normal, equal

odor

tumor

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phon-

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thick

oxygen, acute, sharp

alongside

all

surrounding or
around another

through

sound

lens-shaped

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pro-

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lungs, breathing

natural or physiological

plurality, many

gray color

before (in position or time)

after (in position or time),
behind

before (in position or time)

first

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proteo-

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somat-

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fever

primary, first

nerve root

four

backward, behind

again, back

relating to sound

half, partly

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ton-

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below, beneath, under

body

above

excess of, above

similarity, likeness

similarity, likeness

tone, pressure, tension

fast

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ultra-

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viro-

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three

moving across or through

not

beyond or exceedingly

related to blood vessels

one

relating to a virus

blood vessels

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dry