Common Science Prefixes & Suffixes

Prefix	Meaning	Example
A-, An-	without	Asexual, anaerobic
Amphi-	both sides	Amphibian
Auto-	self	Auto-immune
Bi-	two	Biennial
Bio-	life	Biology
Carcin-	cancer	Carcinogen
Circum-	around	Circumference
di-	two-	Dicotyledon
Dia-	across	Diameter
Epi-	upon	Epidermis
Ex-	out	Exoskeleton
Inter-	between	Interstellar
Kine-	move	Kinetic
Macro-	large	Macroscopic
Strat-	layer	Stratosphere

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-arium	place for	Aquarium
-cide	killer of	Pesticide
-cule-	very small	Molecule
-en	made of	Wooden
-ist	one who practices	Scientist
-itis	infection	Laryngitis
-let	small	Platelet
-ment	action or process	Experiment
-ology	study of	Biology
-osis	process	Osmosis
-phyll	plant	Chlorophyll
-ize-	to make	Synthesize
-oid	resembling	Asteroid
-tude	state of	Amplitude