**GREEK AND LATIN SUFFIXES**

**1. SUBSTANTIVE SUFFIXES**

**A) *LATIN***

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| *suffix* | *meaning* | *example* |
| **-io** | act of, result of, process of | inflammat-io *inflammation* |
| **-or** | agent | flex-or a *muscle the action of which is to flex a joint* |
| **-ura** | act or result of action | flex-ura *flexion, result of bending* |
| **-itas** | quality, state | obes-itas *obesity* |
| **-mentum** | instrument, tool | liga-mentum *ligament* |
| **-culus, a, um**  **-ulus, a, um**  **-olus, a, um**  **-illus, a, um**  **-ellus, a, um** | diminutive | canali-culus *small canal*  capit-ulum *small head*  alve-olus *small cavity or pit*  pupilla *pupil (the dark circular aperture at the centre of the iris of the eye)*  cereb-ellum *posterior brain mass* |
| **B) *GREEK*** | | |
| *suffix* | *meaning* | *example* |
| **-ia** | disease | allerg-ia *allergy* |
| **-iasis** | disease, pathological state | psor-iasis *a chronic skin disease characterized by circumscribed red patches covered with white scales* |
| **-ismus** | 1. state  2. addiction | nan-ismus *dwarfism (a genetic abnormality resulting in short stature)*  alcohol-ismus *alcoholism* |
| **-itis** | inflammatory disease | gastr-itis  *inflammation of the stomach* |
| **-osis** | 1. non-inflammatory disease  2. degenerative disease | nephr-osis *a non-inflammatory disease of a kidney*  arthr-osis  *a degenerative disease of a joint* |
| **-oma** | tumor | carcin-oma *a malignant tumor of epithelial origin* |

**2. ADJECTIVE SUFFIXES**

***A) Latin***

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| suffix | meaning | example |
| **-alis, e** | relation | vertebr-alis |
| **-aris, e** | relation | muscul-aris |
| **-inus, a, um** | relation | uter-inus |
| **-eus, a, um** | relation | cartilagin-eus |
| **-osus, a, um** | full of | ven-osus |
| **-atus, a, um** | equipped with | caud-atus |
| **-bilis, e** | possibility | mo-bilis |
| **-ilis, e** | having the quality | frag-ilis |
| ***B) Greek*** | | |
| suffix | meaning | example |
| **-icus, a, um** | relation | thorac-icus |
| **-ideus, a, um** | similar to | xipho-ideus |

***EXERCISE 1***

***Form adjectives from the given nouns:***

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|  | *1. cranium, ii, n.*  *1a. facies, ei, f.*  *2. vertebra, ae, f.*  *3.corpus, oris, n.*  *4. os (sacrum), ossis, n.*  *5. coccyx, gis, f.*  *6. sternum, i, n.*  *7. costa, ae, f.*  *8. pelvis, is, f.*  *9.-16. manus, us, f.*  *9. clavicula, ae, f.*  *10. scapula, ae, f.*  *11. humerus, i, m.*  *12. radius, ii, m.*  *13. ulna, ae, f.*  *14. carpus, i, m.*  *15. metacarpus, i, m.*  *16. digitus, i, m.*  *17. pelvis, is, f.*  *18. cervix, icis, f.*  *19. femur, oris, n.*  *20. patella, ae, f.*  *21. tibia, ae, f.*  *22. fibula, ae. f.*  *23. phalanx, gis, f.* | scan0007 |

***EXERCISE 2***

***Give the nouns which the following adjectives come from:***

*Note: The adjectives contain the suffix -icus, -a, -um, which is usually combined with nouns of Greek origin.*

gastricus, a, um thoracicus, a, um

diabeticus, a, um hepaticus, a, um

traumaticus, a, um caroticus, a, um

allergicus, a, um diphthericus, a, um

***EXERCISE 3***

***Use the suffixes to derive adjectives with the meaning of words in brackets:***

**-osus:** arteria > .................................... (arterious, arterial)

gangrena > .................................... (gangrenous)

nervus > .................................... (nervous)

ligamentum > .................................... (limagentous, ligamental)

**-icus** allergia> .................................... (allergic)

anatomia > .................................... (anatomic, anatomical)

diphtheria > .................................... (diphtherial)

haemorrhagia> .................................... (haemorrhagic)

lympha > .................................... (lymphatic)

ovarium > .................................... (ovarian)

-**inus** palatum > .................................... (palatal, palatine)

uterus > ................................ (uterine)

***EXERCISE 4***

**Derive names of inflammatory diseases from the given nouns:**

*Example: gaster → genitive gastr-is → gastr-itis (gastritis, inflammatory disease of stomach)*

bronchus hepar

meninx periosteum

larynx myocardium

colon pharynx

***EXERCISE 5***

**Derive names of inflammatory diseases from the given nouns, and match them with the adjectives in the correct form:**

*Example: duodenum + acutus, a, um → duodenitis acuta*

appendix + gangraenosus, a, um

pharynx + chronicus, a, um

meninx + tuberculosus, a, um

myocardium + purulentus, a, um

colon + mucosus, a, um

pericardium + siccus, a, um

pancreas + acutus, a, um

***EXERCISE 6***

**Fill in missing diminutives/nouns which the diminutives were derived from:**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**ventriculus **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** septulum

tuber ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ os (bone) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_cuticula **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** musculus

canalis\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vena \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** nodulus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ auricula

dens \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ valva \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_