



Introduction to Medical Terminology

Welcome to the world of medical terminology! In this worksheet, we will explore the basics of Latin suffixes and word formation in medical terms.

Medical terminology is the language used by healthcare professionals to communicate about medical concepts and procedures. It is essential to understand the basics of medical terminology to become proficient in the field.

What are Latin Suffixes?

Latin suffixes are letters or groups of letters that are added to the end of a word to form a new word. In medical terminology, Latin suffixes are used to describe medical conditions, procedures, and diagnoses.

For example, the Latin suffix "-itis" means inflammation, and the word "arthritis" means inflammation of the joints.

Common Latin Suffixes

Here are some common Latin suffixes used in medical terminology:

- -itis (inflammation)
- -osis (condition)
- -ectomy (surgical removal)
- -algia (pain)
- -emia (blood condition)

Activity 1: Matching Game

Match the Latin suffix with its meaning:

1. -itis
2. -osis
3. -ectomy
4. -algia
5. -emia

Answer Key:

1. A) Inflammation
2. B) Condition
3. C) Surgical removal
4. D) Pain
5. E) Blood condition

Activity 2: Word Building

Use the Latin suffixes to build new medical terms:

1. Card- (heart) + -itis = ?
2. Neuro- (nervous system) + -osis = ?
3. Append- (appendix) + -ectomy = ?

Answer Key:

1. Carditis (inflammation of the heart)
2. Neurosis (a nervous disorder)
3. Appendectomy (surgical removal of the appendix)

Activity 3: Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle using the Latin suffixes:

ACROSS

1. Inflammation of the stomach (5)
2. Surgical removal of the tonsils (10)
3. Condition of the blood (6)

DOWN

1. Pain in the head (7)
2. Inflammation of the joints (8)

Answer Key:

ACROSS

1. Gastritis
2. Tonsillectomy
3. Anemia

DOWN

1. Cephalgia
2. Arthritis

Conclusion

Congratulations! You have completed the worksheet on understanding Latin suffixes and word formation in medical terms.

Remember to practice and reinforce your knowledge to become proficient in medical terminology.

Additional Resources

For further learning, you can refer to the following resources:

- Medical terminology textbooks
- Online resources, such as MedlinePlus or Dictionary.com
- Medical terminology games and quizzes

Glossary

Here is a list of key terms used in this worksheet:

- Latin suffix: a letter or group of letters added to the end of a word to form a new word
- Medical terminology: the language used by healthcare professionals to communicate about medical concepts and procedures
- Root word: the main part of a word that carries the core meaning

