

## CONCEPT: AUDITORY SYSTEM: WORD BUILDING

### Combining Forms and Suffixes

- Combining forms and suffixes used to build auditory system terms.

Combining Form	Definition	Memory Tool
<b>acous/o</b>		<b>acoustics</b> 
<b>audi/o</b>	hearing	
<b>audit/o</b>		

Suffix	Definition	Memory Tool
<b>-cusis</b>		Hearing an <b>accusation</b> . 
<b>-acusus</b>	hearing	
<b>-otia</b>	ear	<b>Recall:</b> ot/o = ear. 
<b>-ory</b>		<b>Audit/ory</b>

### EXAMPLE

Fill in the blanks for following.

- Hyperacusis:** \_\_\_\_\_ condition that involves \_\_\_\_\_ sensitivity to sound.
- \_\_\_\_\_ : hardening (scarring) of the tympanic membrane.
- Macrotia:** condition characterized by unusually \_\_\_\_\_.

### PRACTICE

Match each definition with the correct term.

	Inflammation of the eardrum.
	Reconstructive surgery of the ear.
	Hearing loss related to old age.

a)	Auriculoplasty	d)	Presbycusis
b)	Otalgia	e)	Micosis
c)	Myringitis		