






CONCEPT: AUDITORY SYSTEM: WORD BUILDING

Combining Forms and Suffixes

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

Combining Form	Definition	Memory Tool	Suffix	Definition	Memory Tool
acous/o audi/o audit/o	hearing	acoustics 	-cusis -acusis	hearing	Hearing an accusation . 
aur/o auricul/o	_____	Listen to the Oracle. 	-otia	ear _____	Recall: ot/o = ear. 
myring/o tympan/o	_____, tympanic membrane	Merengue tempo. 	-ory	_____	Audit/ ory

EXAMPLE

Fill in the blanks for following.

- 1) **Hyperacusis:** _____ condition that involves _____ sensitivity to sound.
- 2) _____: hardening (scarring) of the tympanic membrane.
- 3) **Macrotia:** condition characterized by unusually _____ _____.

PRACTICE

Match each definition with the correct term.

	Inflammation of the eardrum.	a) Auriculoplasty	d) Presbycusis
	Reconstructive surgery of the ear.	b) Otagia	e) Micosis
	Hearing loss related to old age.	c) Myringitis	