









CONCEPT: MENTAL HEALTH: WORD BUILDING

Combining Forms and Suffixes

◆ Combining forms and suffixes used to build mental health terms.

Combining Form	Definition	Memory Tool
eg/o	I, _____	
somat/o	_____	Sun mat. 
ment/o psych/o phren/o*	mind	Mental Psychic in a Frenzy. 
thym/o	mind, _____	Thyme tea to calm the mind. 

Combining Form/Suffix	Definition	Memory Tool
schiz/o	_____, to divide	schism 
agor/a	marketplace	A gathering. 
-phoria	state of _____	eu/phoria 
-lexia	pertaining to _____ or phrase	lexicon 

EXAMPLE

Fill in the blanks for the following:

- 1) _____: intense fear of open or crowded places.
- 2) Egocentric: pertaining to a person who thinks only of oneself; one who is _____-centered.

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PRACTICE

Match each definition with the correct term.

- 1) ___ Mood disorder with alternating periods of mild depression and happiness.
- 2) ___ Learning disorder involving difficulty with reading and word recognition.
- 3) ___ Condition of a mental state in which individual is disconnected from reality.

- a) psychosis
- b) dysphasia
- c) cyclothymia
- d) dyslexia

PRACTICE

Symptoms of recurring headaches and stomach pain believed to stem from emotional stress rather than a physical disorder are described as:

- a) Psychosis.
- b) Neuropathic.
- c) Anxiety related.
- d) Psychosomatic.