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bio life

Root

antibiotic – n. a drug that is used to kill harmful bacteria and to cure infections. *The doctor prescribed an antibiotic for the boy's infection.*

biodegradable – adj. capable of being slowly destroyed and broken down into very small parts by natural processes. *Disposable diapers are not biodegradable; they are harmful to the environment.*

biography – n. the story of a real person's life written by another person. *I read an inspiring biography about Steve Jobs.*

biohazard – n. a biological or chemical substance or situation that is dangerous to human beings and the environment. *The crash of a freight train carrying chemicals created a biohazard.*

biology – n. a science that deals with things that are alive, such as plants and animals. *In order to prepare for medical school, students must study biology.*

-ology, -ologist

study of, person who studies

-phobia, -phobe

fear, someone who fears

Prefix

psychology – n. the science or study of mind and behavior; the way a person or group thinks. *Sam was fascinated by the human brain and chose to study psychology in college.*

psychologist – n. a scientist who specializes in the study and treatment of the mind and behavior; a specialist in psychology. *Sam became a psychologist because he was fascinated by the workings of the human brain.*

claustrophobia – n. a fear of being in closed or small spaces; an unhappy or uncomfortable feeling caused by being in a situation that limits or restricts you. *Many people suffer from claustrophobia and can't stand being enclosed in a small space.*

claustrophobe – n. a person who suffers from claustrophobia. *A claustrophobe would most likely avoid elevators.*

hydrophobia – n. an abnormal or unnatural fear or dread of water. *A person suffering from hydrophobia would not enjoy swimming.*