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COMMON NEURO PREFIXES

Decode the word before you memorise it.

PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
A- / An-	Without, absence of	Aphasia, Agnosia
Dys-	Impaired, abnormal, difficult	Dyslexia, Dysarthria
Hyper-	Excessive, increased	Hyperalgesia
Hypo-	Reduced, below normal	Hypotonia
Hemi-	Half, one side	Hemianopia

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COMMON NEURO SUFFIXES

The ending often tells you what the condition affects.

SUFFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLE
-phasia	Language	Aphasia
-gnosia	Recognition	Prosopagnosia
-praxia	Skilled movement	Apraxia
-kinesia	Movement	Bradykinesia
-esthesia	Sensation	Paraesthesia
-algia	Pain	Neuralgia
-mnesia	Memory	Amnesia
-tonia	Muscle tone	Dystonia
-plegia	Paralysis	Hemiplegia
-paresis	Weakness	Hemiparesis

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