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Activity 5 The importance of knowing medical terminology

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Circle the correct meaning of the eight challenge words, using the list of different prefix, root and suffix words in the word guide table.

Eight challenge words

Haematoma (Haemat-oma)

- a) Swelling of blood
- b) Condition of blood
- c) Condition of clotting

Necrosis (Necr-osis)

- a) Disease of blood
- b) Condition of death
- c) Infection of blood cells

Thrombosis (Thromb-osis)

- a) Condition of clotting
- b) Infection of retina
- c) Disease of blood

Septicaemia (Septica-emia)

- a) Inflammation of heart
- b) Condition of swelling
- c) Infection of blood

Erythropenia (Erythro-penia)

- a) Reduced number of red blood cells
- b) Reduced number of white blood cells
- c) Condition of clotting

Leukaemia (Leuka-emia)

- a) Reduced number of red blood cells
- b) A condition of white blood cells
- c) A condition of red blood cells

Retinopathy (Retino-pathy)

- a) Disease of heart
- b) Swelling of retina
- c) Disease of the retina

Anaphylaxis (Ana-phylaxis)

- a) Without protection
- b) Condition of blood
- c) Without disease

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Word guide table

Prefix	Definition
An-	Without or absence of
Ana-	Up or against
Anti-	Against or opposite of
Peri-	Around or close to
Mono-	One
Trans-	Across
Root word	Definition
Erythr	Red
Retin	Retina
Fusion	Merger or blending
Globin	Protein
Haemat	Blood
Immun	Exempt or immunity
Leuk	White
Lymph	Clear water or fluid
Necr	Death
Phylaxis	Protection
Septic	Infected
Thromb	Clot
Tox	Poison
Card	Heart
Suffix	Definition
-Emia	Condition of blood
-la	Condition of
-Itis	Inflammation
-Lysis	Loosen or dissolve
-Oma	Tumour or swelling
-Osis	Condition of
-Pathy	Disease
-Penia	Abnormal reduction in number or deficiency
-Rrhage	Profuse bleeding; haemorrhage