



From Start to Finish- Prefix

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7s BIO- (meaning = life)

BIOCHIP	BCHIIOP	hypothetical computer component that uses proteins to store or process data [n -S]
BIOCIDE	BCDEIIO	substance destructive to living organisms [n -S]
BIOFILM	BFIILMO	thin layer of microorganisms [n -S]
BIOFUEL	BEFILOU	fuel composed of biological raw materials [n -S]
BIOGENS	BEGINOS	BIOGEN, hypothetical protein molecule [n]
BIOGENY	BEGINOY	development of life from preexisting life [n -NIES]
BIOHERM	BEHIMOR	mass of marine fossils [n -S]
BIOLOGY	BGILOOY	science of life [n -GIES]
BIOMASS	ABIMOSS	amount of living matter [n -ES]
BIONICS	BCIINOS	science joining biology and electronics [n -S]
BIONOMY	BIMNOOY	ecology (an environmental science) [n -MIES]
BIONTIC	BCIINOT	BIONT, living organism [adj]
BIOPICS	BCIIOPS	BIOPIC, biographical movie [n]
BIOPIC	BCIIOPS	pertaining to examination of living tissue [adj]
BIOPTIC	BCIIOPT	biopsic (pertaining to examination of living tissue) [adj]
BIOTECH	BCEHIOT	applied biology [n -S]
BIOTICS	BCIIOST	life science [n BIOTICS]
BIOTINS	BIINOST	BIOTIN, B vitamin [n]
BIOTOPE	BEIOOPT	stable habitat [n -S]
BIOTRON	BINOORT	climate control chamber [n -S]
BIOTYPE	BEIOPTY	group of genetically similar organisms [n -S]

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BIOASSAY	AABIOSSY	to test substance (as drug) in order to determine its strength [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BIOCIDAL	ABCDIILO	BIOCIDE, substance destructive to living organisms [adj]
BIOCLEAN	ABCEILNO	free of harmful organisms [adj]
BIOCYCLE	BCCEILOY	life-supporting region [n -S]
BIOETHIC	BCEHIIOT	pertaining to ethical questions arising from advances in biology [adj]
BIOGASES	ABEGIOSS	BIOGAS, fuel gas produced by organic waste [n]
BIOGENIC	BCEGIINO	produced by living organisms [adj]
BIOLOGIC	BCGIILOO	drug obtained from organic source [n -S]
BIOLYSIS	BIILOSSY	death (end of life) [n -SES]
BIOLYTIC	BCIILOTY	BIOLYSIS, death (end of life) [adj]
BIOMETER	BEEIMORT	device for measuring carbon dioxide given off by living matter [n -S]
BIOMETRY	BEIMORTY	statistical study of biological data [n -RIES]
BIOMORPH	BHIMOOPR	art form resembling living organism in shape [n -S]
BIONOMIC	BCIIMNOO	BIONOMY, ecology (environmental science) [adj]
BIOPLASM	ABILMOPS	living matter [n -S]
BIOPSIED	BDEIIOPS	BIOPSY, to examine living tissue [v]
BIOPSIES	BEIIPSS	BIOPSY, to examine living tissue [v]
BIOSCOPE	BCEIOOPS	early movie projector [n -S]
BIOSCOPY	BCIOOPSY	type of medical examination [n -PIES]
BIOSOLID	BDIILOOO	solid organic matter obtained from treated sewage [n -S]
BIOTICAL	ABCIILOT	biotic (pertaining to life (quality that distinguishes animals and plants from inanimate matter)) [adj]



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BIOTOXIN	BIINOOTX	poison made by plant or animal [n -S]
BIOTYPIC	BCIIOPTY	BIOTYPE, group of genetically similar organisms [adj]
BIOWASTE	ABEIOSTW	waste composed chiefly of organic matter [n -S]