

### **Affix Meanings**

-cyte	cell
adipo-	fat
chondro-	cartilage
erythro-	red
hepato-	liver
leuko-	white
myo-	muscle
neuro-	nerve
00-	egg
osteo-	bone

An affix is a part of a word that has a specific meaning.

### **Build the Word**

Can you figure out what each of these types of cells are called?

Example:	<u>osteo</u> <u>cyte</u> = bone cell	
		= muscle cell
		= egg cell
		= fat cell
		_n = nerve cell
		= cartilage cell
		= liver cell
		= red blood cell
		= white blood c



## **Sort It Out** Use the affixes to learn more about different human cells.

Match each type of cell to its function.

 **WORD BANK** 

adipocytes chondrocytes erythrocytes hepatocytes leukocytes myocytes neurons oocytes osteocytes

Match each cell type to the body system it belongs to. (Some systems will match more than one cell type.)

\_\_\_\_\_ send signals from the brain to the body

**E**xample: myocyte

neuron chondrocyte hepatocyte erythrocyte

leukocyte

osteocyte

oocyte

**BODY SYSTEMS** 

circulatory system
digestive system
muscular system
nervous system
reproductive system

reproductive system

skeletal system

# Affix Expert

Can you think of another type of cell not in this list? Give it a -cyte name.



### Answer Key

#### **Build the Word**

myocyte= muscle cell

oocyte = egg cell

adipocyte = fat cell

neuron = nerve cell

chondrocyte = cartilage cell

hepatocyte = liver cell

erythrocyte = red blood cell

leukocyte = white blood cell

#### Sort It Out

erythrocytes – carry oxygen in the blood

myocytes – help move parts of the body

adipocytes – help store energy

oocytes – help make new humans

hepatocytes – help break down food

chondrocytes – help connect bones to each other

leukocytes – travel in the blood to fight diseases

neurons –send signals from the brain to the body

neuron – nervous system chondrocyte – skeletal system hepatocyte – digestive system erythrocyte – circulatory system leukocyte – circulatory system oocyte – reproductive system osteocyte – skeletal system