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The importance of affix knowledge in English for pharmaceutical sciences majors

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Vocabulary knowledge is a strong predictor of reading proficiency (Dong, 2020), and morphological knowledge, including affixes, is particularly critical in English for the pharmaceutical sciences because a significant portion of medical terminology is derived from Greek and Latin, especially because their L1 is Japanese, which poses a handicap to mastering medical terminology because many terms are derived from Greek and Latin (Horst, Cobb, & Nicolae, 2005).

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