

Words for Specialized Areas

There are many words for specialized areas of study that end in **-ology**. The suffix **-ology** means “the science of” or “the study of” something. For example, mineralogy is the study of minerals. Many of these words are used when studying social studies and science.

A. Match the specialized areas with the definitions below.

-ology Words

1. _____ meteorology
2. _____ biology
3. _____ cytology
4. _____ dermatology
5. _____ pomology
6. _____ genealogy
7. _____ entomology
8. _____ sociology
9. _____ toxicology

Definitions

- A. study of insects
- B. study of fruit
- C. study of poisons
- D. study of ancestors
- E. study of cells
- F. study of life
- G. study of weather
- H. study of skin
- I. study of society

B. Write the name of the specialist that matches the described field of study. You may use the words listed below to aid you.

1. An _____ studies the eyes.
2. A _____ studies newborn babies.
3. An _____ studies criminal behavior.
4. An _____ studies birds.
5. A _____ studies minerals.
6. An _____ studies the mind.
7. An _____ studies word origins.
8. A _____ studies living tissues.
9. A _____ studies radiation.

mineralogist
neonatologist
criminologist

etymologist
ornithologist

radiologist
ophthalmologist

histologist
psychologist