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physio- or **physi-** or **phys-**

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pref.

1. Nature; natural: *physiography*.
2. Physical: *physiotherapy*.

[Greek *phusio-*, from *phusis*, nature; see **bheua-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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