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ecto-

pref.

Outer; external: *ectoparasite*.

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[Late Greek *ekto-*, from *ektos*, outside, from *ek*, *ek-*, out; see **eghs** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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