

**PREFIX**

A prefix is a group of letters placed before the root of a word. For example, the word "unhappy" consists of the prefix "un-" [which means "not"] combined with the root (stem) word "happy"; the word "unhappy" means "not happy."

**A Short List of Prefixes:**

<b>PREFIX</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>EXAMPLES</b>
de-	from, down, away reverse, opposite	decode, decrease
dis-	not, opposite, reverse, away	disagree, disappear
ex-	out of, away from, lacking, former	exhale, explosion
il-	not	illegal, illogical
im-	not, without	impossible, improper
in-	not, without	inaction, invisible
mis-	bad, wrong	mislead, misplace
non-	not	nonfiction, nonsense
pre-	before	prefix, prehistory
pro-	for, forward, before	proactive, profess, program
re-	again, back	react, reappear
un-	against, not, opposite	undo, unequal, unusual

**SUFFIX**

A suffix is a group of letters placed after the root of a word. For example, the word flavorless consists of the root word "flavor" combined with the suffix "-less" [which means "without"]; the word "flavorless" means "having no flavor."

**A Short List of Suffixes:**

<b>SUFFIX</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>EXAMPLES</b>
-able	able to, having the quality of	comfortable, portable
-al	relating to	annual, comical
-er	comparative	bigger, stronger
-est	superlative	strongest, tiniest
-ful	full of	beautiful, grateful
-ible	forming an adjective	reversible, terrible
-ily	forming an adverb	eerily, happily, lazily
-ing	denoting an action, a material, or a gerund	acting, showing
-less	without, not affected by	friendless, tireless
-ly	forming an adjective	clearly, hourly

-ness	denoting a state or condition	kindness, wilderness
-y	full of, denoting a condition, or a diminutive	glory, messy, victory,

Exercise:

Bank of Prefixes:

de-	ex-	im-	mis-	pre-	un-
dis-	il-	in-	non-	re-	with-

Use the bank of prefixes to complete each word. There may be more than one answer for some words.

___ fix	___ sense	___ happy
___ mind	___ pert	___ respect
___ equal	___ legal	___ fiction
___ prove	___ frost	___ ceed
___ lucky	___ lead	___ fat
___ fair	___ gust	___ hold
___ place	___ usual	___ portant
___ draw	___ logical	___ trieve
___ visible	___ play	___ cellent
___ view	___ code	___ flex

Bank of Suffixes

-able	-ance	-ion	-ment
-al	-ful	-ly	-y

Use the bank of suffixes to complete each word. There may be more than one answer for some words.

<b>Root Word - Suffix</b>	<b>Root Word – Suffix</b>
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place____	enforce____
law____	arrange____
legal____	develop____
mature____	taste____
taken____	finite____
humane____	act____
assign____	help____
health____	know____
account____	appear____
live____	avoid____

