

# Prefixes and Suffixes

## Prefix

A word part added at the beginning of a base word to change its meaning.

Prefix	Meaning	Example
<i>un-</i>	not or opposite of	<i>unlock</i>
<i>non-</i>	not or opposite of	<i>nonslip</i>
<i>de-</i>	opposite of	<i>defrost</i>
<i>com-</i>	with	<i>combine</i>
<i>con-</i>	with	<i>consist</i>
<i>re-</i>	again	<i>rewrite</i>
<i>pre-</i>	before	<i>pretest</i>
<i>mid-</i>	in the middle of	<i>midtown</i>
<i>sub-</i>	below	<i>subset</i>
<i>dis-</i>	not or do the opposite of	<i>disagree</i>
<i>mis-</i>	badly or incorrectly	<i>misspell</i>
<i>uni-</i>	one	<i>unicycle</i>
<i>bi-</i>	two	<i>bicycle</i>
<i>tri-</i>	three	<i>tricycle</i>
<i>trans-</i>	across, through	<i>transport</i>

## Suffix

A word part added at the end of a base word to change its meaning or part of speech.

Suffix	Meaning	Example
<i>-ment</i>	state or condition	<i>contentment</i>
<i>-ness</i>	state or condition	<i>stillness</i>
<i>-y</i>	being, having, able to	<i>lucky</i>
<i>-ly</i>	like or in a _____ way	<i>safely</i>
<i>-er</i>	one who does something	<i>teacher</i>
<i>-or</i>	one who does something	<i>actor</i>
<i>-er</i>	compares two things or people	<i>quicker</i>
<i>-est</i>	compares more than two things or people	<i>quickest</i>
<i>-less</i>	without	<i>spotless</i>
<i>-ful</i>	causing or full of	<i>cheerful</i>
<i>-tion</i>	the state of	<i>celebration</i>
<i>-sion</i>	the state of	<i>decision</i>
<i>-able</i>	is or can be	<i>adorable</i>
<i>-ible</i>	is or can be	<i>reversible</i>

## Root

Part of an English word that comes from other languages such as Latin or Greek.

Prefix	Meaning	Example
<i>bio</i>	life	<i>biography</i>
<i>graph</i>	something written or drawn	<i>graphics</i>
<i>auto</i>	self	<i>autobiography</i>
<i>port</i>	to carry	<i>portable</i>
<i>dict</i>	to say	<i>dictate</i>
<i>rupt</i>	to break	<i>erupts</i>

Prefix	Meaning	Example
<i>struct</i>	to build	<i>construct</i>
<i>scrib/ script</i>	to write	<i>scribble</i>
<i>scope</i>	to watch or look at	<i>microscope</i>
<i>tele</i>	far off	<i>television</i>
<i>phon</i>	sound or voice	<i>telephone</i>
<i>vis/vid</i>	to see	<i>visible</i>