



Topic
Prefix and Suffix



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Approach
Read, Understand, Try, Check

LET'S READ:

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:

PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLES
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:

SUFFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLES
-able	able to, having the quality of	comfortable, portable
-al	relating to	annual, comical
-er	comparative	prettier, dearer
-est	superlative	prettiest, dearest
-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,

Q1. Use the bank of prefixes and suffixes to complete each word. There may be more than one answer for some words.

Bank of Prefixes			Bank of Suffixes		
dis-	im-	re-	-able	-ful	-ly
il-	pre-	un-	-al	-ion	-y

Prefix - Root Word - Suffix	Prefix - Root Word - Suffix
___cover___	___predict___
___like___	___proper___
___agree___	___success___
___logic___	___mature___
___order___	___equal___
___expected___	___construct___
___act___	___reason___
___luck___	___honor___
___trust___	___usual___
___historic___	___new___

ASK: If you are still in doubt, please reach out to your teacher/Volunteer and get your doubt cleared for better understanding.