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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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UNIT 1: FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR

TOPIC 1: : Prefix, Suffix and Rootwords



ROOT WORDS OR BASE WORDS



Root Words or Base Words are the same. Root words and base words are the most basic part of a word.

If we add an affix to a root or base word it change the meaning of the word.

Here **“Cook”** is a base word.





ROOT WORDS WITH ITS MEANING



Root: chron **Meaning:** time **Examples:** chronologic, chronic

Root: gen **Meaning:** birth/race **Example:** generation

Root: tele **Meaning:** distance **Examples:** television
telephone

Root: migr **Meaning:** change/move **Examples:** migrate
migrating

Root: spect **Meaning:** see **Examples:** inspect suspect
spectator

Root: sign **Meaning:** mark **Examples:** signal signature





ASSESSMENT ON ROOTWORD



Directions: Each of the following words are made up of a base word with a suffix. Provide the correct base word without its added suffix. Scroll down to see the answers or download the printable suffix worksheet.

- 1.Sunny _____
- 2.Loving _____
- 3.Noisy _____
- 4.Pumping _____
- 5.Candies _____
- 6.Likeable _____
- 7.Confusing _____
- 8.Description _____
- 9.Relaxation _____
- 10.Spelled _____



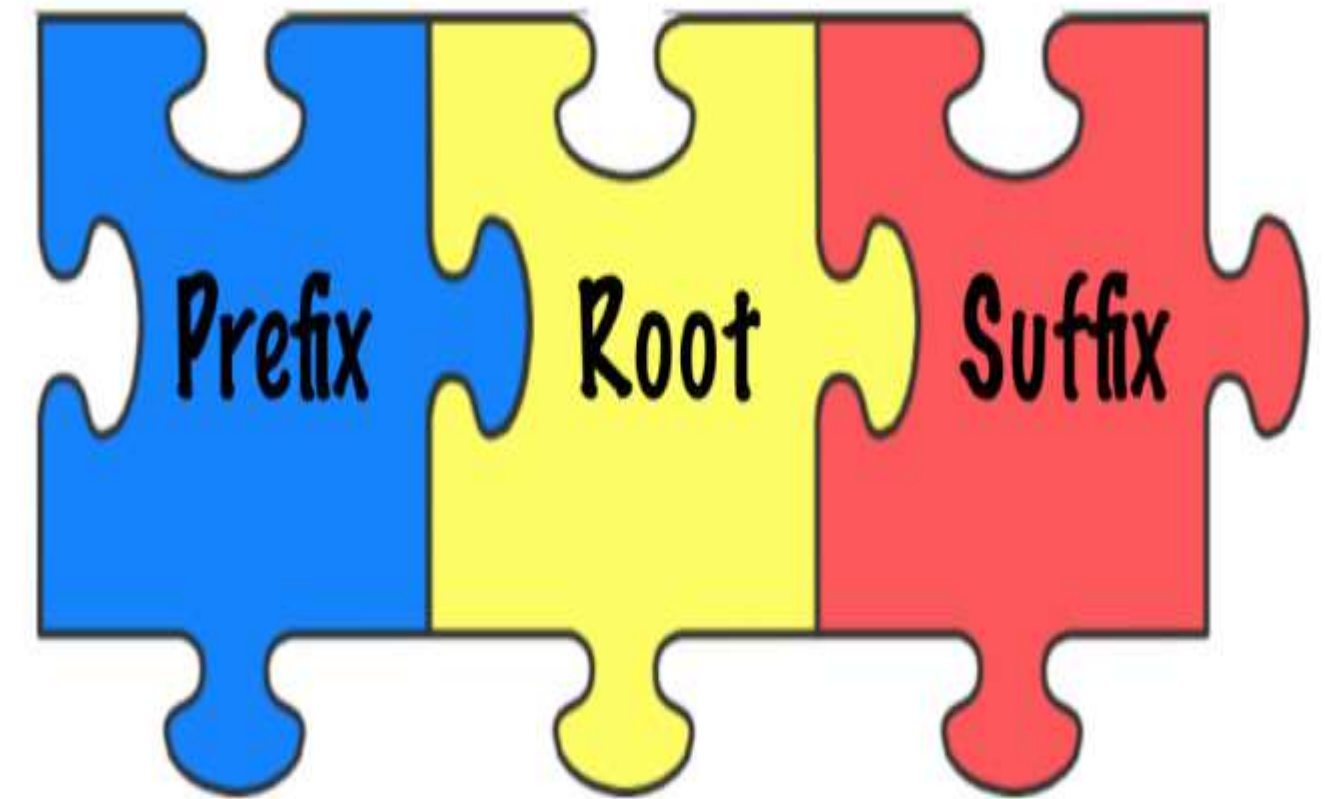
AFFIXES



Affixes are word parts that change the meaning of a root or base word.

Prefixes and **Suffixes** are both **Affixes**.

un+cook+ed=uncooked





PREFIXES



Prefixes are word parts (affixes) that comes at the **beginning** of the root word or base word.

Here, un+cook+ed=uncooked Prefix Affix



Prefix → un+cook+ed=uncooked



SUFFIXES



Suffixes are word parts (affixes) that come at the **end** of the root word or base word.

Here,

un+cook+ed=uncooked Suffix Affix



cook+ed=cooked

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Suffix



PREFIX WORD FORMATION WITH EXAMPLES



Prefix: in **Meaning:** not **Examples:** invisible



Prefix: over **Meaning:** Too much

Examples:



overcooke, overdramatic



Prefix: under **Meaning:** beneath, under **Examples:** underwater



Prefix: super **Meaning:** above, over

Examples:



superhuman



PREFIX WORD FORMATION WITH EXAMPLES



Prefix: un **Meaning:** not **Examples:** unlucky



Prefix: re **Meaning:** to do again **Examples:** recycle



Prefix: pre **Meaning:** before **Examples:** preschool





ASSESSMENT



Complete the sentences by writing the correct prefix in the blank space.

dis-

-in

mis-

re-

un-

under-

1. I just can't believe it! The story is ____believable!
2. No, that answer is ____correct. It is wrong.
3. Let's look at this information again. We should ____view it before the test.
4. I saw Allison just a moment ago, but now I can't find her! It seems that she ____appeared!
5. Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't hear you correctly. I ____understood you.
6. The subway does not go over the land like a normal train. It moves ____ground.





SUFFIX WORD FORMATION WITH EXAMPLES



Suffix: er **Meaning:** one who takes part in **Examples:**



teacher

driver



Suffix: est **Meaning:** the most **Examples:**

smallest



strongest



Suffix: ing **Meaning:** to be doing **Examples:**

singing



dancing





SUFFIX WORD FORMATION WITH EXAMPLES



Suffix: ion, tion **Meaning:** action **Example:** construction



Suffix: less **Meaning:** without **Examples:** helpless



thoughtless

Suffix: ness **Meaning:** the state of **Examples:** happiness



Suffix: ous, ious, eous **Meaning:** having the quality of **Examples:** adventurous





REFERENCES

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