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**Topic : Vocabulary Building(Prefix-Suffix-Oneword  
Substitution)**





# Vocabulary



Learning vocabulary will help you improve your language level and communicate in English confidently and effectively.



## Root Word



- Many English words are formed by taking basic words and adding combinations of prefixes and suffixes to them.
- A basic word to which affixes (prefixes and suffixes) are added is called a *root word* because it forms the basis of a new word.
- The root word is also a word in its own right.



## What is a Prefix and Suffix?

- A prefix is a string of letters that go at the start of a word.
- A suffix is a string of letters that go at the end of a word.
- By adding prefixes and suffixes to a root word we can change its meaning.





# Affixes



- Both suffixes and prefixes together are called affixes.
- An affix is a set of letters generally added to the beginning or end of a root word to modify its meaning.
- The root is the portion of the word that remains when all prefixes and suffixes have been removed.
- Typically, they can stand alone.
- In the word untouchable, "touch" is the root.



## Prefix



- When affixes are added to the beginning of roots or root words, they are called *prefixes*
- For example, the most common prefix is *un-*, which meant *not* or *opposite of*.
- If you add *un-* to the word *happy*, the new word becomes *unhappy*, which means *not happy*.



## Suffix



- When affixes are added to the end of roots or root words, they are called *suffixes*.
- The most common suffixes are -s and -es, which mean more than one (or the plural) of the word. Adding -es to *wish*, changes the meaning of the word to *more than one wish*.





## Example



The root word **lingual** could have the prefix **bi-** added to it to make the word **bilingual**.

'Bi' means two and 'lingual' means pertaining to language. Someone who is bilingual is fluent in two languages.





For example:

The root word **astro** could have the suffix **-nomy** added to it to make the word **astronomy**.

'Astro' means 'stars' and 'nomy' means the study of something. Astronomy is the study and knowledge of stars.



Some root words can have both prefixes and suffixes attached to them to turn them into words with different meanings:

<b>Root word</b>	<b>With a prefix added</b>	<b>With a suffix added</b>
behave	misbehave	behaviour, behaved
legal	illegal	legalise, legality
mature	immature	maturity



Root words are words in their own right, but are also the basis of many other words. Prefixes, suffixes, or both affixes may be added to expand upon a root word.

<i>Root Word</i>	<i>Examples</i>
comfort	<b>discomfort, comfortable, uncomfortable</b>
happy	<b>happiness, unhappy, unhappiness</b>





# Activity Time



## Puzzles



As I was going to St. Ives,  
I met a man with seven wives.  
Each wife had seven sacks,  
Each sack had seven cats,  
Each cat had seven kits.  
Kits, cats, sacks and wives,  
How many were going to St. Ives?



## One Word Substitution



- One word Substitution is one of the integral parts of vocabulary.
- It simply means that a sentence has to be replaced with a single word.

### Examples:

- A person who is talented in many different facets of life – versatile
- A state of long unnatural deep unconsciousness – Coma
- A long narrative poem - Epic





The branch of physics concerned with the properties of sound	Acoustics
The sound of Alligators	Bellow
The sound of Deers	Bell
The sound of Crows	Caw
The sound of Geese	Cackle



Autopsy: Dissection of a dead body to find the cause of the death.

Claustrophobia: Fear of closed space.

Burglar: A person who breaks into houses in order to steal.

Boulevard: A broad road bordered with trees.

Ornithologist: Someone who scientifically studies the birds.

Extravagant: A man who wastes his money on luxury.



Write the one-word substitution for the following questions.

1. A fourteen-line poem

- (1) sonnet                      (2) lyric  
(3) ballad                      (4) ode

2. The plants and vegetation of a region

- (1) flora                      (2) landscape  
(3) ornamental              (4) fauna

3. Constant effort to achieve some thing

- (1) attempt                      (2) enthusiasm  
(3) vigour                      (4) perseverance

4. Wildly unreasonable, illogical or . ridiculous

- (1) Abject                      (2) Adept  
(3) Arid                      (4) Absurd

5. A vivacious and lively experience Is said to be

- (1) scintillating              (2) soothing  
(3) scenic                      (4) synthetic





# Assessment 1



6.To try to settle a dispute between two other parties

- (1) medicate                      (2) mediate
- (3) meddle                        (4) meditate

7.To secure a boat by attaching it to an anchor

- (1) moor                            (2) moot
- (3) morose                        (4) moose

8.To free a person by a verdict of 'not guilty'.

- (1) acquaint                       (2) acquit
- (3) acquiesce                    (4) acquire

9.One who hates mankind

- (1) philanthropist               (2) misogynist
- (3) humanitarian               (4) misanthrope

10.Imposed a restriction on

- (1) constipated                   (2) conserved
- (3) constrained                 (4) construed



Use prefix in the below words to find out its opposite word.



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- Sense
- Happy
- Wrap
- Connect

Use the prefix or suffix to the given word provided in the bracket in its appropriate form.

- You can't just believe it. The plot was \_\_\_\_\_ (believe)
- I saw her just a few days ago, still, I miss her. It looks like she just \_\_\_\_\_ (appear)
- I am sorry, I didn't mean to hurt you. I must have \_\_\_\_\_ you. (Understood)



THANK YOU