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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

**23ENT101- COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH**  
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**UNIT 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\_\_\_\_\_



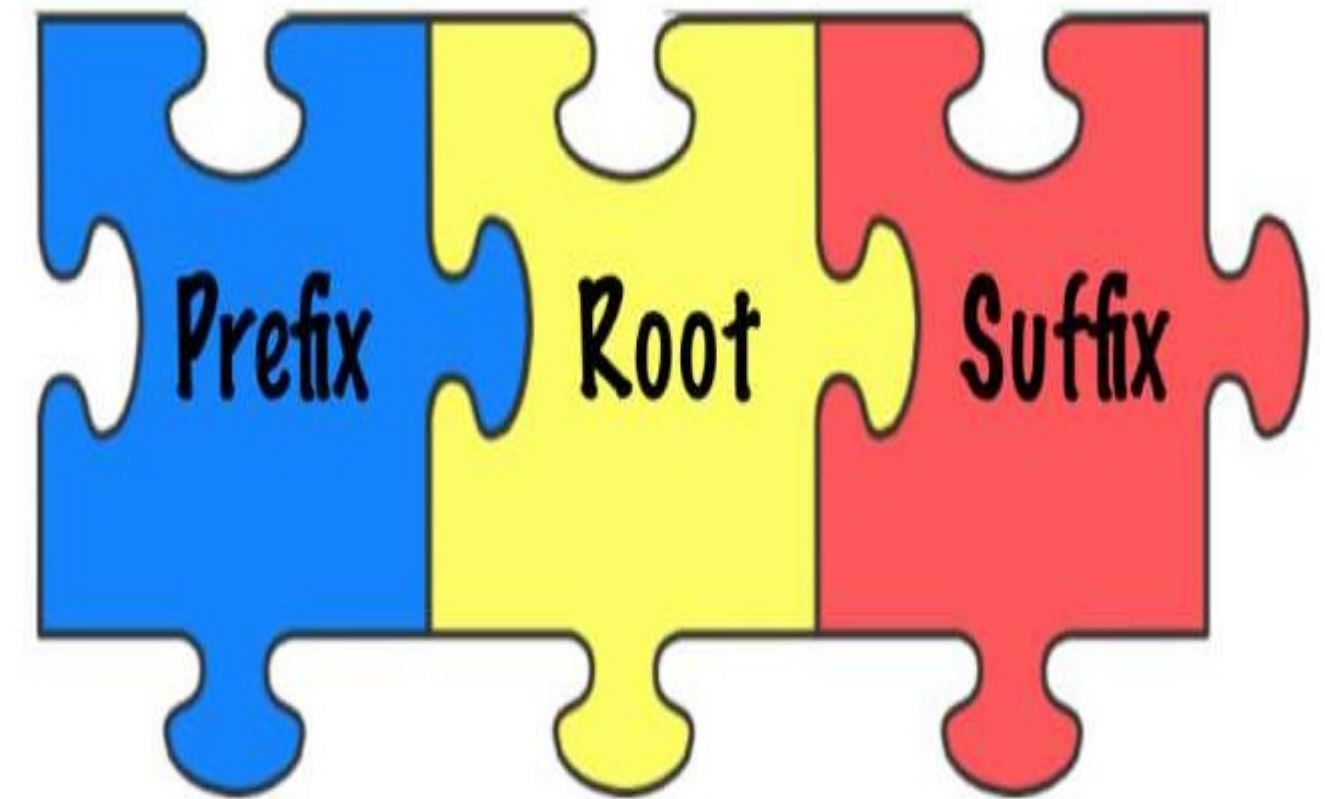
# AFFIXES



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

↑  
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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*Thank You*