



Prefix:

A **prefix** is a group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning. When a prefix is added, it modifies the original word, often creating a word with a new meaning. The root word typically remains intact but the addition of the prefix alters its sense.

Common Prefixes and Their Meanings:

1. **Un-:** Not or opposite of
 - Example: *Unhappy* (not happy)
2. **Re-:** Again or back
 - Example: *Redo* (do again)
3. **Pre-:** Before
 - Example: *Prepay* (pay before)
4. **Dis-:** Not or opposite of
 - Example: *Disagree* (not agree)
5. **Mis-:** Wrong or badly
 - Example: *Misunderstand* (understand wrongly)
6. **In-/Im-:** Not or without
 - Example: *Incomplete* (not complete), *Impossible* (not possible)

Examples:

- **Unkind:** Prefix “un-” + root word “kind” = *not kind*
 - **Rebuild:** Prefix “re-” + root word “build” = *build again*
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Suffix:

A **suffix** is a group of letters added at the end of a word to change its form, which can alter its meaning or turn the word into a different part of speech. Suffixes often change the grammatical role of a word (e.g., turning a verb into a noun or adjective).

Common Suffixes and Their Meanings:

1. **-able / -ible:** Capable of
 - Example: *Readable* (capable of being read), *Edible* (fit to be eaten)
2. **-ness:** State or quality
 - Example: *Happiness* (state of being happy)
3. **-ful:** Full of
 - Example: *Joyful* (full of joy)
4. **-ment:** Action or process
 - Example: *Enjoyment* (process of enjoying)
5. **-ly:** In a certain way (forms adverbs)
 - Example: *Quickly* (in a quick way)
6. **-er / -or:** One who does something (forms nouns)
 - Example: *Teacher* (one who teaches), *Actor* (one who acts)



Examples:

- **Careless:** Root word “care” + suffix “-less” = *without care*
 - **Kindness:** Root word “kind” + suffix “-ness” = *the state of being kind*
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Summary:

- **Prefixes** come at the beginning of a word and often change its meaning (e.g., *unhappy, redo*).
- **Suffixes** come at the end of a word and often change its grammatical form or meaning (e.g., *happiness, quickly*).

Exercise 1: Add the correct prefix

Add the correct prefix to each word in parentheses to form a new word. Choose from the following prefixes: **un-, re-, dis-, mis-, pre-**

1. It is _____ (possible) to finish this project in one day.
2. He tried to _____ (cover) the mistake, but everyone noticed.
3. They need to _____ (do) the homework because it was wrong.
4. I didn't understand because she _____ (pronounce) the word.
5. The children were _____ (happy) with the results of the game.

Answers:

1. Impossible (in-)
 2. Discover (dis-)
 3. Redo (re-)
 4. Mispronounced (mis-)
 5. Unhappy (un-)
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Exercise 2: Add the correct suffix

Add the correct suffix to each word in parentheses to form a new word. Choose from the following suffixes: **-ful, -ness, -ly, -ment, -er**

1. She smiled _____ (happy) after receiving her gift.
2. His _____ (kind) made everyone feel welcome.
3. He was an excellent _____ (teach).
4. She completed the task with _____ (enjoy).
5. Be _____ (care) when crossing the street.

Answers:

1. Happily (-ly)
 2. Kindness (-ness)
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3. Teacher (-er)
4. Enjoyment (-ment)
5. Careful (-ful)

Exercise 3: Identify the prefix and suffix

Identify the prefix and suffix in the following words:

1. Unhappiness
2. Redo
3. Careless
4. Misunderstand
5. Enjoyment

Answers:

1. Prefix: *un-*; Suffix: *-ness*
2. Prefix: *re-*
3. Suffix: *-less*
4. Prefix: *mis-*
5. Suffix: *-ment*

Exercise 4: Complete the sentences with a word that has a prefix or suffix

1. She was _____ (care) about her belongings and lost her keys.
2. It is important to _____ (heat) the oven before cooking.
3. His _____ (help) was appreciated by everyone.
4. This story is _____ (believe), it's too strange to be true!
5. I need to _____ (write) my essay before tomorrow.

Answers:

1. Careless
2. Preheat
3. Helpfulness
4. Unbelievable
5. Rewrite

Exercise 5: Create words using both a prefix and a suffix

Create a new word by adding both a prefix and a suffix to the given root word.

1. **Happy**
2. **Possible**



3. **Understand**
4. **Joy**
5. **Agree**

Answers:

1. *Unhappiness* (un- + -ness)
2. *Impossible* (im- + -ible)
3. *Misunderstanding* (mis- + -ing)
4. *Joyful* (none + -ful)
5. *Disagreement* (dis- + -ment)