

Prefix and Suffix For Class 5

Prefixes and suffixes help to learn enhanced language skills in vocabulary easily.

1. Prefix

Prefix are the letters or a set of words that are added before a word to make a new word. Therefore, it always have same meanings whatever the base is added.

For example:-

Prefix is '-re'

- Reappear means "to appear again"
- Reconstruction means "to reconstruct again"
- Rebuild means "to build again"

Study the prefix words in the table below.

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
ante-	before, prior to, front	antebellum, antechamber, anterior
auto-	self, one's self, yourself	autobiography, autograph, autonomy
circum -	around, go around	circumnavigate, circumscribe, circumvent
co-	jointly, with, together	coexist, copilot, coworker



com-	together, with	commiserate, compartment, community
con-	with, together	confound, confluence, conversation
en-	put into, surround	encase, endow, envelope
exo-	out, outer	exhale, extend, exoskeleton
extra-	beyond, more	extracurricular, extraterrestrial, extravert
hetero-	different, not the same	heterogeneous, heterosexual, heterocyst
homo-	same, not different	homogenize, homophone, homosexual
a-	lacking, without, not	amoral, atheist, abiotic
ab-	away, removed, not	abnormal, abstract, absent
an-	without, not, lacking	anaerobic, anacoustic, anhydrous
anti-	against, opposing, contrary to	antibiotic, antifreeze, antisocial
counter-	opposing, contrary to, against	counterproposal, counteroffer, counter-attack



de-	reverse, undo, remove	deactivate, de-ice, deplane
dis-	remove, separate, apart from	disagree, disapprove, disconnect
ex-	away from, former, lacking	ex-husband, ex-wife, ex-boss
il-	not, lacking, without	illegal, illegible, illogical
im-	without, not, lacking	impossible, improper, impermeable
in-	no, without, lacking	injustice, incomplete, invisible
ir-	not, non, opposite	irreversible, irreplaceable, irregular
non-	not, lacking, without	nonexistent, nonfiction, nonnegotiable
un-	opposite, not, lacking	unkind, unresponsive, unruly
hyper-	extreme, beyond	hyperactive, hyperspace, hypertension,
inter-	between, in the midst of, among	intermittent, intersect, interstate
mega -	large, massive	megaphone, megadose, megabyte



micro-	small, tiny	microcosm, microphone, microscope
mid-	middle, midpoint	midnight, midseason, midterm
mis-	incorrect, bad, wrongful	misappropriate, misunderstand, misuse
mono-	one, singular	monogamous, monotone, monochrome
over-	too much, excessive	overcook, overdone, overwrought
post-	after	postdate, postscript, post-war
pre-	before, prior to	prefix, preliminary, preschool
re-	again, do over	reconsider, re-evaluate, rewrite
semi-	partial, somewhat, less than fully	semiconductor, semester, semi-retired
sub-	below, beneath	subjugate, submarine, sub-par
trans-	across, change	transference, transgender, translate
inter	between, connected	interrelated, interact
intra	within	intra-generational, intramuscular



kilo	thousand	kilogram, kilometer, kilowatt
macro	large	macroeconomics, macro-scale
mal	bad, badly	malfunction, malpractice
micro	small	micro-economics, micro-scale
mid	middle	midway, midsummer
mis	wrongly, incorrect	mistake, mistranslate, misunderstanding
semi	partly, half	semicircle, semi-organic, semi-precious, semifinals
sub	part of something, under, beneath,	subway, submarine, subsection
super	above or bigger	superpower, supersonic, superstar

2. Suffix

A suffix is a letter or group of letters that are added after a word to form a new word and change its meaning.

For example:-

Suffix is '-en'

- Sharpen
- Strengthen
- Loosen

The meaning of the above three words is different when suffix is added to them.

Study suffixes from the table below.





Suffix	Meaning	Example
-ate	do	captivate, annihilate, exterminate
-en	do	broaden, awaken, strengthen
-er	do	chatter, glitter, glimmer
-ish	do	publish, nourish, punish, banish
-fy	make	rectify, simplify, amplify
-ize	become	humanize, organize, socialize, legalize
-able	capable of being	presentable, readable, believable
-al	belonging to	legal, local, mental, mortal, fatal, musical
-ar	quality	familiar, regular, circular
-ed	quality	gifted, talented, learned, cultured
-en	made of	golden, wooden, woolen, leaden
-ful	notable for	beautiful, wonderful, doubtful
-ible	capable of	admissible, divisible, sensible
-ic	pertaining to	allergic, mythic, domestic, historic



-ish	belonging to	selfish, Turkish, Irish, Polish, childish
-istic	characterized by an attribute	fantastic, pessimistic, optimistic, sarcastic
-ile	having the nature of	fragile, juvenile, servile
-ian/an	belonging to	Indian, American, Russian, Victorian
-ive	having the nature of	creative, punitive, divisive, decisive
-less	without	fearless, helpless, endless, tireless
-ous	characterized by an attribute	studious, pious, religious, joyous
-y	characterized by	smelly, healthy, greedy, wealthy
acy	state or quality	privacy, fallacy, delicacy
-al	act or process of	refusal, recital, rebuttal
-ance, -ence	state or quality of	maintenance, eminence, assurance
-dom	place or state of being	freedom, kingdom, boredom
-er, -or	one who	trainer, protector, narrator



-ism	doctrine, belief	communism, narcissism, skepticism
-ist	one who	chemist, narcissist, plagiarist
-ity, -ty	quality of	inactivity, veracity, parity, serenity
-ment	condition of	argument, endorsement, punishment
-ness	state of being	heaviness, sadness, rudeness, testiness
-ship	position held	fellowship, ownership, kinship, internship
age	a condition	leakage, bondage, marriage
-al	an action	denial, removal, approval
-ar	one who performs the action	beggar, liar, scholar
ee	one who performs an action	interviewee, internee, employee, nominee
-er	one who performs the action	reader, driver, maker, painter
-hood	state of being	boyhood, childhood, manhood
-ion	condition	union, opinion
-ism	doctrine or belief	marxism, Sufism, egotism

-ist	one who is something	dentist, chemist, Marxist, atheist
-ice	the result of an action	service, cowardice
-logy	theory	biology, geology, ecology
-ment	the condition of an action	acknowledgement, punishment, agreement
-on/en/an	doer	artisan, citizen, surgeon
-ness	state of being	sadness, happiness, rudeness, business
-nce	state	brilliance, endurance, obedience
-ship	position held	internship, partnership, kinship
-sion	state of being	illusion, inclusion, extension

Exercise: 1

Form two new words using the prefix given.

1. Over
2. Pre
3. Re
4. Super
5. Under
6. Mid
7. Micro
8. Macro
9. Non
10. Sub
11. Mis

12. Trans
13. Un
14. Ex
15. Inter

Answers

1. Overview, overpower
2. Predict, previous
3. Return, reunite
4. Superfood, superstar
5. Underline, understand
6. Midway, midpoint
7. Microsoft, microphone
8. Macroeconomics, macrobiotic
9. Nonsense, nonactive
10. Submerged, submitted
11. Misunderstood, mistake
12. Transformation, transfer
13. Unfriend, undone
14. Exterior, extension
15. Interaction, interview

Exercise: 2

Form two new words from the suffix given below of the following.

1. ful
2. er
3. ity
4. ment
5. ness
6. ion
7. wise
8. ward
9. ly
10. ant

- 11.ive
12. ic
- 13.ous
- 14.able
- 15.less

Answers

1. Grateful, beautiful
2. Writer, helper
3. Scarcity, equality
4. Treatment, movement
5. Darkness, Awareness
6. Revision, opinion
7. Likewise, otherwise
8. Backward, forward
9. Bravely, stately
- 10.Extravagant, brilliant
- 11.Expensive, authoritative
- 12.Heroic, iconic
- 13.Delicious, gracious
- 14.Capable, creatable
- 15.Hopeless, baseless

Exercise: 3

Fill in the blanks by adding prefixes to the given words in a bracket.

1. Mehak _____ the difficult word spelling in English. (Pronounce)
2. Ravi _____ her book in the stadium. (place)
3. The sun _____ behind the clouds. (appear)
4. The children _____ their teacher. (obey)
5. Syra's internet connection is _____. (connected)
6. Rahul _____ with his friend in the class. (behaved)
7. At late night, she feels _____ on the road. (safe)
8. Manav is _____ from the quiz competition. (Qualified)
9. Naina will do her _____ from Lucknow University.(graduate)

10. My friends _____ in the party last night. (understood)

Answers

1. Mispronounced
2. Misplaced
3. Disappear
4. Disobey
5. Disconnected
6. Misbehaved
7. Unsafe
8. Disqualified
9. Postgraduate
10. Misunderstood

Exercise: 4

Fill in the blanks by adding suffixes to the given words in the brackets.

1. Shreya was sitting _____ in her seat in the hall. (Comfort)
2. Tarun acts in drama in a very _____ way. (child)
3. He is a very _____ businessman. (Succeed)
4. Chandni chowk Street is so _____ and noisy. (crowd)
5. Our team won the _____ in Nationals. (Champions)
6. Madhav is feeling _____ in himself for not scoring good marks. (Appointment)
7. My friend is studying _____ at Delhi University. (journal)
8. Myra is feeling so _____ in her body. (weak)
9. The teacher required _____ result of the student's performance in the exam. (Satisfy)
10. My brother _____ knows Spanish and French language. (Surprised)

Answers

1. Comfortably
2. Childish
3. Successful

4. Crowded
5. Championship
6. Disappointment
7. Journalism
8. Weakness
9. Satisfactory
10. Surprisingly

