

# LANGUAGE ARTS *common prefixes & suffixes*

## COMMON PREFIXES

A PREFIX IS A SYLLABLE ADDED TO THE BEGINNING OF A WORD TO CHANGE ITS MEANING.

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
auto-	self	automobile, autopilot
bi-	two or twice	bicycle, biannual, biweekly
com-	with	compare, communicate, company
con-	with	conference, concert, confide
dis-	do the opposite of	disappear, dislike, distrust
en-	to make	ensure, enlarge, enable
extra-	beyond	extraordinary, extrasensory
il-	not	illegal, illogical, illiterate
im-	not or within	impossible, immature, impatient
in-	not or within	insecure, incomplete, indoors, ingrown
inter-	between	international, interact, intersection
ir-	not	irregular, irritable, irrevocable
mid-	middle	midnight, midweek, midway
mis-	wrong	mistake, misguide, misunderstood
non-	not or without	nonsense, nonfat, nonfiction
post-	after	postgraduate, postwar
pre-	before	prehistory, precaution, preschool
re-	back or again	return, rewrite, recycle, react
sub-	below	submarine, submarine, subtitle
super-	above, outside	supernatural, supermarket, superpower
trans-	across, over	transplant, transcontinental, transport
un-	not	unsafe, unusual, unsure

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## COMMON SUFFIXES

A SUFFIX IS A SYLLABLE ADDED TO THE END OF A WORD TO CHANGE ITS MEANING. IN MOST CASES, WHEN ADDING A SUFFIX THAT STARTS WITH A VOWEL, DROP THE FINAL E OF THE ROOT WORD. FOR EXAMPLE, NERVE BECOMES NERVOUS. ALSO, CHANGE A FINAL Y IN THE ROOT WORD TO AN I BEFORE ADDING A SUFFIX THAT STARTS WITH A VOWEL.

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Suffix	Meaning	Examples
-able	able to be	movable, available, operable
-al	of, like or suitable for	logical, natural, formal
-an	relating to, belonging to or living in	American, European, librarian
-ance	the condition or state of being	performance, allowance
-ant	a person or thing that does something	contestant, peasant, servant
-ative	having the nature of or relating to	imaginative, talkative, decorative
-ent	characterized by	different, reverent, independent
-ful	full of	thoughtful, beautiful
-ian	relating to, belonging to or living in	musician, magician
-ity	quality or degree	activity, fatality, popularity
-ive	have or tend to be	active, attractive, impressive
-less	without or lacking	homeless, thoughtless
-ment	act of	payment, employment, achievement
-ness	state of	happiness, thoughtfulness
-or	person or thing that does something	actor, accelerator
-ous	characterized by	nervous, courageous, famous
-ship	quality of or having the office of	friendship, leadership, companionship
-ward	in the direction of	backward, homeward, westward

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