



# PREFIX




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- A is a group of letters placed before the root of a word. For example, the word “unhappy” consists of the prefix
- “un-” [which means “not”] combined with the root (or stem) word “happy”; the word “unhappy” means “not happy.”




- de-
  - from, down, away, reverse, opposite
  - decode, decrease
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- dis-
  - not, opposite, reverse, away
  - disagree, disappear




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- ex-
  - out of, away from, lacking, former
  - exhale, explosion


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- il-
  - not
  - illegal, illogical



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- im-
  - not, without
  - impossible, improper

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- in-
  - not, without
  - inaction, invisible



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- mis-
  - bad, wrong
  - mislead, misplace
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- non-
  - not
  - nonfiction, nonsense



- pre-
  - before
  - prefix, prehistory
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- pro-
  - for, forward, before
  - proactive, profess, program



- re-
  - again, back
  - react, reappear
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- un-
  - against, not, opposite
  - undo, unequal, unusual





# Suffixes

- A **suffix** is a group of letters placed after the root of a word. For example, the word **flavorless** consists of the root word “flavor” combined with the suffix “-less” [which means “without”]; the word “flavorless” means “having no flavor.”




- -able
  - able to, having the quality of
  - comfortable, portable
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- -al
  - relating to
  - annual comical





- -er
  - comparative
  - bigger, stronger
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- -est
  - superlative
  - strongest, tiniest



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- -ful
  - full of
  - beautiful, grateful
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- -ible
  - forming an adjective
  - reversible, terrible



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- -ily
  - forming an adverb
  - eerily, happily, lazily
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- -ing
  - denoting an action, a material, or a gerund
  - acting, showing



- -less
  - without, not affected by
  - friendless, tireless
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- -ly
  - forming an adjective
  - clearly, hourly



- -ness
  - denoting a state or condition
  - kindness, wilderness
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- -y
  - full of, denoting a condition, or a diminutive
  - glory, messy, victory

