



The World of Languages
and Languages of the World

Prefixes, Roots and Suffixes

Let's experiment with these three parts of words.

Objectives

- We can see that there are different parts of words.
- We can think of lots of words with the same start (prefix) or end (suffix).
- We can work out meanings of words easily if we know what the prefix or suffix means. Prefixes and suffixes are known as "affixes".



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Give two examples of compound words	What is a portmanteau word?	Give three examples of portmanteau words
What's the difference between a portmanteau and a compound word?	Give an example of a cognate	What is a compound word?
Give an example of a loanword	Why do we make up words?	Why are made-up words a good addition to languages?

What is a prefix?

A prefix is placed at the front of a word. It creates a new word with a new meaning.

preview
unhappy
proceed
review
nonsense
misunderstand
submarine

Can you think of other words using these prefixes?

pre - before

un - not

pro - forward

re - again

non - not

mis - wrong/bad

sub -
under/beneath/below



What is a suffix?

A suffix is something that is placed at the end of a word. It changes the word's meaning.

use – use**ful**
hope – hope**less**
Hindu - Hindu**ism**
go – go**ing**
cur**ious**
subborn - stubborn**ness**

How many words can you think of using these suffixes?

ful – full of

less – without

ism – a belief

ing – an action

ious /ous – a characteristic

ness – a state of being



What is a root?

A root is the core of the word to which we can add a prefix or a suffix.

How many words can you create by adding prefixes, suffixes or both to these root words.

Astro – star

Norm – typical

Port – carry

Dun – hill

Ham – village

Wic/Wick/Wich - farm



Can you spot the Latin root word?

- Vocal Talkative
- Vocabulary A list of words;
- Vocation A sense of your job; a calling
- Irrevocable Can not be taken back
- Vociferous Calling out; being loud and forceful



That's right, it's *voc* from the Latin *vox* meaning "voice" and *vocare* meaning "to call."

Now you know this, can you understand the meaning of the words?

**Give some words with this in.
What do you think the word below means?**

phone



**Give some words with this in.
What do you think the word below means?**

micro



**Give some words with this in.
What do you think the word below means?**

com



**Give some words with this in.
What do you think the word below means?**

phobia



**Give some words with this in.
What do you think the word below means?**

biblio



Meaning	Greek	Latin	Examples	Prefix, Root or Suffix?
before	pro	pre	procession prefix predestined	
study/science of	logos	stud	logic student studious	
water	hydro	aqua	hydraulic hydro-electric aquarium aqueduct	
self	auto	ego	autonomous (independent) automobile ('self-driven') egocentric (self-centred)	



Let's
play... How
many
words can
you create
by mixing
the prefix
and the
root?

Prefix

Root

Micro

Phone

Tele

Scope

Mega

Vision



Another thought...

If a Francophone speaks French...
What languages do these people speak?

- Anglophone
- Italophone
- Arabophone
- Hispanophone
- Russophone
- Germanophone



WoLLoW would like to know...

- What's a:
- ROOT
- PREFIX
- SUFFIX
- AFFIX



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