

#### 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?



phone

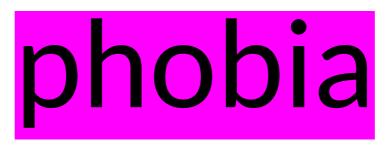


















Meaning	Greek	Latin	Examples	Prefix, Root or Suffix?
before	pro	pre	procession prefix predestined	
study/science of	logos	stud	logic student studious	
water	hydro	aqua	hydraulic hydro-electric aquarium aqueduct	
self	auto	ego	autonomous (independent) automobile ('self-driven') egocentric (self-centred)	



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

**Prefix** Root Phone Micro Tele Scope Vision Mega



### 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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