

Affix

An **affix** is a piece added to a [word](#), or root,^[1] which signals or changes its role in a [sentence](#). It is part of [grammar](#).^[2]^{p18} Affixes may occur in various positions in a word:

- **Prefix**: before the word/root, for instance: **anti**-climax; **re**-write.
- **Suffix**: after the word/root, for instance: climactic; walked**.** Most plurals.
- **Infix**: Inside the word/root. Rare in English, example: the **m** in recumb**ent**.
- **Interfix**: between words, to connect them: the reduced *and* in sun 'n sand; editor-**in**-chief.

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1. [↑] Root = the part of a word which does not change.
2. [↑] McArthur, Tom (ed) 1992. *The Oxford companion to the English language*. Oxford University Press.

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