**WORD FORMATION**

**Prefixes** are added to the front of the base (*like* right arrow*dislike*).

**Suffixes** are added to the end of the base (*active* right arrow*activate*).

Prefixes usually do not change the class of the base word, but suffixes usually do change the class of the word.

**Verbs**

e.g. prefix + verb right arrowverb

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| **Prefix** | | **Meaning** | **Examples** |
| *re-* | | again or back | rewrite, revisit, reappear, rebuild, refinance |
| *dis-* | | reverses the meaning of the verb | disappear, disconnect, discontinue |
| *over-* | | too much | overbook, oversleep, overwork |
| *un-* | | reverses the meaning of the verb | unbend, uncouple, unfasten |
| *mis-* | | badly or wrongly | mislead/-ing, misinform, misidentify |
| *co-* | | together | co-exist, co-operate, co-own |
| *under-* | | not enough | underfund, undersell, undervalue, underdevelop |
| **Suffix** | **Example** | | |
| *-ise* | criticise, characterise, symbolise, visualise, specialise | | |
| *-ate* | rotate, differentiate, duplicate, fabricate | | |
| *-ify* | classify, exemplify, simplify, justify | | |
| *-en* | widen, awaken, fasten, shorten, moisten | | |

**Nouns**

e.g. prefix + noun right arrownoun

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| **Prefix** | **Meaning** | **Examples** |
| *dis-* | the converse of | discomfort, dislike |
| *ex-* | former | ex-chairman, ex-hunter, ex-wife |
| *non-* | no | non-smoker |
| *under-* | below, too little | underpayment, under-development, undergraduate |

Suffix added to a verb (V), noun (N) or adjective (A) right arrownoun

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| **Suffix** | **Meaning** | **Examples** |
| *-er* | person who V-s something used for V-ing | Employer,beginner, advertiser, driver computer, silencer, astronomer |
| *-ment* | action/instance of V-ing | development, punishment, unemployment |
| *-ant -ent* | person who V-s | assistant, consultant student |
| *-ness* | state or quality of being A | darkness, preparedness, consciousness |
| -*hood* |  | childhood, neighbourhood |
| -ship |  | partnership, friendship |
| -ful |  | a handful of (hŕstka) money |

**Adjectives**

e.g. Suffix added to verbs or nouns right arrowadjective

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| **Suffix** | **Example** |
| *-al* | economical, central, political, national, optional, professional |
| *-ent* | different, dependent, excellent |
| *-ful* | beautiful, harmful, peaceful, careful |
| *-less* | endless, homeless, careless, hopeless |
| *-able* | drinkable, countable, avoidable, |
| *-ish* | greenish (zelenkavý), boyish (chlapčenský) |

**Negative prefixes**

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| **Prefix** | **Examples** |
| *un-* | unfortunate, uncomfortable, unjust, unkind, unclean, unwise, unhealthy, unable |
| *im-/in-/ir-/il-* | im**m**ature, im**p**atient, im**p**robable,im**p**ossible, im**p**roper, im**p**ersonal, im**p**erfect, im**p**olite  inconvenient, indirect, inactive, incorrect, incomplete, invisible  ir**r**eplaceable, ir**r**egular, ir**r**esponsible, ir**r**ational, ir**r**elevant  il**l**egal, il**l**ogocal, il**l**egible |
| *non-* | non-fiction, non-political, non-smoker |
| *dis-* | disloyal, dissimilar, dishonest |

**Zmena v kmeni**: speak – speech, advice – advise, sing – song

**Zmena prízvuku**: record, export, transport, conduct

**Skladanie**: sunrise, highway, pickpocket, outlook, waterproof, dark-brown, overcome, film-making, heartbreaking, sugar-free, baby-sit

**Reduplikačné zloženiny**: fifty-fifty, bye-bye, tip-top

**Konverzia** (prechod jedného slovného druhu k inému): a hand – to hand, rich – the rich, criminal – a criminal, American – an American, reform – reform movement – to reform , ups and downs, can you *text* me?, some *downloads* are dangerous

**Kríženie**: breakfast + lunch = brunch, smoke + fog = smog

**Skracovanie**: advertisement – advert – ad, examination – exam, aeroplane – plane, university – univ., laboratory-lab, Matthew-Matt, NATO, EU, EEC, UNESCO, UNO, WHO, VIP, MP, PTO, OHP, B&B, RAM

**Preberanie z iného jazyka**: fiancé, café, menu, pasta, spaghetti, bumerang, robot, sputnik, kindergarten, sauerkraut , pizza