

## Topic: Affixation

### What is affixation?

Is the process of adding a morpheme (or affix) to a word to create either a different form of the word or a new word with a different meaning.

There are two main kinds of affixation :

1. Prefixation.
2. Suffixation

### What is suffixation?

A suffix is a letter or group of letters added to the end of the word or root , serving to form a new word or functioning as an inflectional ending.

There are two basic types of suffixes:

1. Derivational suffix (indicates what type of word it is) such as the addition of –ly to an adjective to form an adverb.
2. Inflectional suffix (tells something about the word's grammatical behavior) such as the addition of –s to a noun to form its plural.

### Examples

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-er	Someone who performs an action	Helper /teacher /dancer/farmer
-ion	The action or the process of	Celebration /decision/revision
-ity	The state or condition of	Equality /civility/probability
-ible/-able	Capable of being	Adaptable /credible/predictable
-ful	Full of or notable of	Grateful /beautiful / wonderful
-ic	Relating to	Poetic/heroic/organic
-less	Without something	Hopeless /fearless/ restless
-ed	Past-tense	Called /played/ missed
-en	Become	Soften/strengthen /fasten
-ise/-ize	To cause or to become	Advertise /memorialize
-ly	In what manner something is being done	Simply/ gladly/quickly

## What is prefixation?

It is a morphological process whereby a dependant morpheme is attached to the front of a root or a stem to modify or change its meaning.

### Examples

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
Anti-	Against	Antidote /antibiotic
Contra-	Against, opposing	Contradict /
De-	Reverse, undo	Deactivate/degrade
Dis-	Removal, apart from	Disagree, disapprove
Il-/in-/im-/ir-	Not ,without	Illegal, impolite/injustice/irreversible
Non-	Not ,without	Nonfiction/non/negotiable
Auto	Self	Autobiography /automobile
Ex-	Out	Exhale
Homo-	Same	Homophone/homogenize
Hetero-	Different	Heterogeneous
Mis-	Incorrect	Misunderstand/misuse/misunderstand
Over-	Too much	Overcook/overweight
Mono-	One	Monotone`
Post-	After	Postdate/post-war
Pre-	Before	Prefix/preschool
Semi-	Half	Semester
Sub-	Below	Submarine/ submerged
Trans-	Across/change	Transport /transgender /translate