

Prefix and Suffix

Prefix – A prefix is a set of letters that occur at the very beginning of a word and transform its original meaning.

Example: The best example for the same is the word **prefix** itself. It begins with the prefix pre- (which means before), and one meaning of fix is “to attach or place”

Prefix	Meaning	Example
dis	not	disconnect
im	not	impatient
In	not	incomplete
Re	again	rejoin
un	not	unfair

A. Add the correct prefix (dis-, un-, im-, in-, re-) to the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

1. The teacher asked me to **rewrite** my work. (write)
2. She was **unhappy** with the service at the restaurant. (happy)
3. My brother is very **impatient**, as he cannot wait for his turn. (patient)
4. The battery will take one hour to **recharge**. (charge)
5. It is **impolite** to talk with your mouth full. (polite)
6. The child showed **disrespect** towards his elders. (respect)

The suffix – A letter or group of letters placed at the end of a word is called a suffix.



- (As an adjective) The suffix – ‘ful’ means full of.

Example – The children are taking care by walking on a zebra crossing. They are **careful** while crossing the road.

- (As an adjective) The suffix – ‘less’ means

without.

Example – The athlete did not have a fear of losing. Hence, the athlete was called **fearless**.



- The suffix ‘-er’ means ‘the person who is or does something’ – Example - sing -singer.

- The suffix ‘-able’ and ‘-ible’ form adjectives – acceptable, workable, divisible, printable.
- The suffix ‘-ly’ is commonly added to an adjective to form an adverb, but in some cases, it is used to form an adjective, such as loudly or slowly.

B. Add the correct suffix (-ful, -less, -ly, -er, -able) to the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

1. She is a **beautiful** girl. (beauty)
2. My grandmother tells me **lovely** bedtime stories. (love)
3. The melodious voice left the audience **speechless**. (speech)
4. My mother is a great **teacher**. (teach)
5. The battery of the car was **changeable**. (change)
6. She was a hardworking and **responsible** student. (response)

C. Match the words with the correct meaning.

Column A

1. Reuse
2. Inactive
3. Helpless
4. Painter
5. Cheerful

Column B

- a. Not active
- b. To use again
- c. A person who paints
- d. Full of cheer
- e. Without help

1- **b** 2- **a** 3- **e** 4- **c** 5- **d**

D. Write T for true and F for false next to each statement.

1. The prefix "un-" means "again." **False**
2. The suffix "-er" means "the person who does something." **True**
3. The word "careful" means "without care." **False**
4. The word "replay" means "to play again." **True**
5. The prefix "dis-" means "not." **True**