

WORD FORMATION: Prefixation and Suffixation

Watch the video and do the following activities.

A. Choose the correct option.

1. Prefixes are letters added to the **beginning / end** of certain words to make new words with different meanings.
2. A suffix is a letter or a group of letters that are added to the **beginning / end** of a word which makes a new word.
3. The prefixes *im-/un-/ir-/il-/in-/dis-* have a **positive / negative** meaning.
4. The prefix *over-* means **"too much" / "many" / "between" / "against"**.
5. The suffixes *-er / -or / -ar* are used to form words to **jobs or professions / adjectives**.
6. When we add the suffixes *-ful/-able/-ible/-ish/-ow* to words we can form **adjectives / verbs**.

B. Add the correct **prefix** or **suffix** to the words below. They are used only once.

over- -ful -ible dis- -en -un inter- -ment -ise anti-

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| 1. Forget _____ | 6. Real _____ |
| 2. _____ pack | 7. _____ war |
| 3. _____ charge | 8. Flex _____ |
| 4. Soft _____ | 9. State _____ |
| 5. _____ qualify | 10. _____ active |



C. Complete the gaps with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. The flowers in my neighbour's garden were quite _____ (colour).
2. We must grasp every opportunity to _____ (strength) economic ties with African Portuguese speaking countries.
3. Fresh flowers _____ (beauty) every room in a house.
4. Tom had to be in complete _____ (active) for 6 weeks because he broke his two legs on a car crash in December.
5. You must learn not to _____ (react) to criticism.
6. We strongly believe that his comments were deliberately meant to _____ (lead) the public opinion.
7. Because my grandmother was an excellent cook, I tend to _____ (eat) every Christmas.
8. Smoking can _____ (short) your life.
9. It was _____ (wonder) to see the children play together regardless of their skin colour.
10. My father's _____ (sincere) is obvious and his _____ (generous) is magnificent.