

Affixes

What is an Affix?

It is a **grammatical element** that is added to the **base or stem of a word** to **form a new word**.

Types of Affixes

In English mainly there are **2 types of Affixes**. They are;

- **Prefixes**
- **Suffixes**

1. Prefix

A grammatical element **added to the beginning of the base or stem of a word**.

- Ex. - **In**correct
- **Dis**appear
- **Re**make



PREFIX	MEANING AND EXAMPLES
un-	• Meaning: This prefix means not or reverses the meaning of words. • Examples: unreal, untidy, unbreakable, unreliable. 
re-	• Meaning: This prefix refers to something happening again. • Examples: revive, renew, reveal, regenerate.
dis-	• Meaning: This prefix means not, away or separate. • Examples: disappear, disregard, disengage.
pre-	• Meaning: This prefix means before. • Examples: prepare, premeditate, prefix, prejudice.
mis-	• Meaning: This prefix means wrong or bad. • Examples: misconception, miscarriage, mistake, misjudge.
en-	• Meaning: This prefix means within or make. • Examples: enforce, enslave, encourage, engrave.
anti-	• Meaning: This prefix means against. • Examples: anticlockwise, antidote, antibiotic. 
co-	• Meaning: This prefix means with. • Examples: co-worker, co-dependant, co-operate.



2. Suffix

A grammatical element added to the end of the base or stem of a word.

- Ex.
- Correctly
 - Appearance
 - Makes

SUFFIX	MEANING AND EXAMPLES
-acy	• Meaning: This suffix refers to the state or quality of something. • Examples: legacy, accuracy, democracy.
-dom	• Meaning: This prefix refers to something happening again. • Examples: stardom, freedom, kingdom.
-ism	• Meaning: This suffix means belief. • Examples: Hinduism, Judaism, escapism.
-ist	• Meaning: This suffix refers to an object or person who does an action. • Examples: protagonist, typist, lyricist, journalist.
-ness	• Meaning: This suffix is a state of being. • Examples: happiness, ruefulness, gratefulness, kindness.
-ful	• Meaning: This suffix means that something is noted for. • Examples: beautiful, plentiful, useful, bashful.
-ive	• Meaning: This suffix refers to the nature of the object. • Examples: invasive, informative, attentive.
-ly	• Meaning: This suffix means related to. • Examples: softly, quickly, ably, angrily.



Prefixes and Suffixes

Write if the element is a prefix or a suffix.

Un satisf(y) ed

Dis respect ful

Dis respect ful ness

Un deserv(e) ing

Anti ag(e) ing