

Negative suffixes

Instructions: Read the explanation and put them in the correct place.

Suffix	meaning or usage	Examples
-less	Without/ lacking. Describing something that lacks the quality of the noun.	Jobless (without a job) fearless (without fear) homeless (without a home) countless (too many to count)
-free	Without / not containing. often used in a more technical, commercial, or descriptive context.	sugar-free (without sugar) fat-free (without fat) risk-free (without risk) worry-free (without worries)
de-	The opposite of, undo. While technically a prefix, it often functions as a suffix in verb formations, reversing the action of the verb.	deactivate (to undo activation) deconstruct (to undo construction) decentralize (to undo centralization) devalue (to undo a value)
dis-	"The opposite of," "reversal." Like -de-, it is a prefix, but its function is crucial for reversing the meaning of verbs. It can also be added to nouns and adjectives.	disagree (to not agree) disappear (to not appear) disapprove (to not approve) disloyal (not loyal) discomfort (not comfort)
in-, -im-, -il-, -ir-	"Not" this is a Latin-derived prefix that changes its form depending on the following letter. It is added to adjectives.	inaccurate (not accurate), incomplete (not complete), inappropriate (not appropriate) imperfect (not perfect), immoral (not moral), impossible (not possible) illogical (not logical),
-a-, -an-	"Without." Derived from Greek, this prefix is often used in more scientific, academic, or technical contexts.	apolitical (without political interest) asexual (without sex) anarchy (without a ruler), amoral (not concerned with morality)