

AFFIXES, PREFIXES & SUFFIXES

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Remember that affixes are made up of letters that are added to the beginning or the end of a root word. Letters added to the beginning of a word are called **prefixes**. Letters added to the end of a word are called **suffixes**. By adding affixes to a root word, we change its meaning or create a new word.

Example:

Manny helps *younger* **suburban** kids learn how to play baseball.

The *sub-* in *suburban* is a prefix that changes the meaning of the word **urban**.

The *-er* in *younger* is a suffix that shows the degree of the word *young*.

Some special cases for the *-er* suffix are when an adjective ends in "e," e.g. *close* → *closer*; or when it ends in "y," when it is changed for an "i," e.g. *pretty* → *prettier*.

1. Match each definition in the left column to the correct vocabulary word in the right column.

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| 1. _____ the means of moving people or goods | a. business |
| 2. _____ motivation that comes from inside a person | b. suburban |
| 3. _____ a person who regularly travels some distance to his or her place of work | c. buildings |
| 4. _____ areas near the outskirts of a city | d. extrinsic |
| 5. _____ motivation that comes from outside a person | e. transportation |
| 6. _____ a place where goods and services are bought and sold | f. intrinsic |
| 7. _____ structures that are built with walls and a roof | g. commuter |

2. Move the Prefix or Suffix of each word to the correct column.

	<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Suffix</u>
a. business		
b. suburban		
c. buildings		
d. extrinsic		
e. transportation		
f. intrinsic		
g. commuter		

3. Drag the words to complete the sentences.

1. This area is full of _____ and parks.
2. This is the center of the city; it's as _____ as it can be.
3. They are going to _____ a new highway here.
4. He has a lot of _____ motivation to work hard.
5. Before planes, trains were used as the principal means of _____.
6. There are _____ reasons that she chooses to work at home.
7. The trains are full of _____ during rush hour.

intrinsic
build
businesses
commuters
transport
urban
extrinsic