

## 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-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This prefix means not or reverses the meaning of words.</li><li>• Examples: unreal, untidy, unbreakable, unreliable.</li></ul> 
re-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This prefix refers to something happening again.</li><li>• Examples: revive, renew, reveal, regenerate.</li></ul>
dis-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This prefix means not, away or separate.</li><li>• Examples: disappear, disregard, disengage.</li></ul>
pre-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This prefix means before.</li><li>• Examples: prepare, premeditate, prefix, prejudice.</li></ul>
mis-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This prefix means wrong or bad.</li><li>• Examples: misconception, miscarriage, mistake, misjudge.</li></ul>
en-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This prefix means within or make.</li><li>• Examples: enforce, enslave, encourage, engrave.</li></ul>
anti-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This prefix means against.</li><li>• Examples: anticlockwise, antidote, antibiotic.</li></ul> 
co-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This prefix means with.</li><li>• Examples: co-worker, co-dependant, co-operate.</li></ul>



## 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This suffix refers to the state or quality of something.</li><li>• Examples: legacy, accuracy, democracy.</li></ul>
-dom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This prefix refers to something happening again.</li><li>• Examples: stardom, freedom, kingdom.</li></ul>
-ism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This suffix means belief.</li><li>• Examples: Hinduism, Judaism, escapism.</li></ul>
-ist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This suffix refers to an object or person who does an action.</li><li>• Examples: protagonist, typist, lyricist, journalist.</li></ul>
-ness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This suffix is a state of being.</li><li>• Examples: happiness, ruefulness, gratefulness, kindness.</li></ul>
-ful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This suffix means that something is noted for.</li><li>• Examples: beautiful, plentiful, useful, bashful.</li></ul>
-ive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This suffix refers to the nature of the object.</li><li>• Examples: invasive, informative, attentive.</li></ul>
-ly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meaning: This suffix means related to.</li><li>• Examples: softly, quickly, ably, angrily.</li></ul>



## 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