

A base word, also called a word root, is the main part of a word before word parts are added at the beginning or the end.

- keeping
- friendship
- unhappy
- preview

Underline the base words.

- 1. impossible
- 2. softness
- 3. seller
- 4. reread
- 5. distrust
- 6. uncertain
- 7. speeding
- 8. goodness

Complete each sentence by writing a base word on the line.

- 9. I decided to re write my story to make it more exciting.
- 10. Martin is invite ing dinner for his family.
- 11. The teacher will dis miss the class in ten minutes.
- 12. That movie has non violent action.
- 13. That bouquet of flowers is so color full
- 14. "I am upset that I can't go to the party," said Maria sad ly.
- 15. Because I was late less, I broke Mom's favorite vase.
- 16. Tamisha can't attend the play. Her sister is also un comfortable to come.

A prefix is a word part that comes before a base word.

over- + pay = overpay

A suffix is a word part that comes after a base word.

over- + pay + -ment = overpayment

Make words to complete each sentence by adding a prefix or a suffix to the base word in parentheses.

- 1. Elia would like to behave badly the seating before the dinner. (arrange)
- 2. Awards night will be filled with excitement for those nominated. (excite)
- 3. Joaquin is hopeful that he will win the award for best athlete. (hope)
- 4. Mi Hye hates to get up in front of a crowd, but she is determined to hide her nervousness (nervous)
- 5. Mr. Enright is feeling frustrated because his ride is late. (frustrate)
- 6. He does not want to disappoint anyone. (appoint)
- 7. He is sure if he will make it on time. (sure)
- 8. Ms. Gray was full of encouragement for all the nominees. (encourage)
- 9. She asked everyone to assemble one more time on the stage. (assemble)
- 10. Finally, it was time for the announcement of the winners. (announce)

Name _____

A prefix is a word part that comes before a base word. A prefix changes the meaning of the word. These prefixes mean *not* or *opposite* of:

Prefix	Example	Meaning
in-	inaccurate	not accurate
im-	imbalance	not balanced
il-	illiterate	not literate
de-	dethrone	not on the throne

Complete each word with the correct base word.

1. A person who is not active is in active.
2. If you remove the value from something, you de value it.
3. An act that is not legal is il legal.
4. A person who is not mature is im mature.
5. Something that is the opposite of activated is de activated.
6. A person who is not patient is im patient.
7. An act that is not logical is il logical.
8. Something that is not complete is in complete.

What other words do you know with these prefixes? Write two sentences using at least one word with a prefix in each sentence.

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Prefix	Example	Meaning
mis-	misbehave	not behave
un-	unanswered	not answered
dis-	discomfort	the opposite of comfort
non-	nonsense	not making sense

Complete each sentence with the correct word from the word box.

nonfiction uncomfortable miscalculation nonprofit discontinued miscalculation dishonest unfair

1. The referee was unfair when he gave a point to the other team.
2. The doctor told her to discontinue taking the pills.
3. The teacher miscalculated when she tallied 19 students.
4. Marley & Me, a nonfiction book, is the true story of a man and his dog.
5. Brianna made a miscalculation when adding the fractions.
6. The nonprofit organization did not make money, but performed many good deeds in the community.
7. Dora was dishonest when she told a lie.
8. Jason was uncomfortable sleeping without a pillow.

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A prefix is a word part that comes before a base word. Some prefixes express number.



Prefix	Meaning	Example
uni-	one	unison
bi-	two	bilingual
tri-	three	triathlete
quadr-	four	quadrilateral

Write the definition of each word.

- univision seeing one thing
two dishes a year
- biannual cycle with three 6 months
- tricycle shape that has four sides
- quadrangle

Write the word for each definition.

- having three colors tricolor
- having one form uniform
- one of four offspring born in a single birth quadruplets
- having two valves bivalves

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- quadrilateral
- tricycle

Name _____

Knowing the meanings of common prefixes can help you with words you meet in school subjects.



Prefix	Meaning	Example
tele-	far, distant	telegraph
poly-	many	polygon
inter-	among, between	interplanetary
trans-	across, to pass	transport

Complete each sentence using the correct prefix.

- polynesia is a polysyllabic word for a country composed of many islands. It is a tropical country, so you would not want to wear heavy polyester clothes there.

- When I want to get away from the telephone and television, I look through my telescope to see the stars.
- Emily transferrered her transparency before her transatlantic trip.
- Isabelle appreciated the intermission of the international meeting, as she had to work hard interpreting the speeches.

What other words do you know with these prefixes? Write two sentences using at least one word with a prefix in each sentence.

- some polygons are polyhedrons
- some places give polyhedrons

A suffix is a word part that comes after a base word. Adding a suffix to a word changes the word's meaning.

These suffixes form nouns:

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-ment	act of, result of	amendment
-ness	state of	goodness
-ion	act of, state of	perfection
-ist	one who	violinist



Complete each sentence. Use one suffix for each pair of sentences.

- The teacher showed her amaze ment ^{was} the student's improve ment remarkable.
- The bicycl ist stopped for a moment. She wanted to talk to the biolog ist conducting an experiment by the creek.
- Julie's fascinat ion for the athlete was obvious. He is the champ ion of his sport.
- Each spring brings happi ness to places in the Far North. The dark ness of the winter months is over.

What other words do you know with these suffixes? Write two sentences of your own using at least one suffix in each sentence.

- The students have pleasur for their teacher.
- The girls imaginat ion is awesom.

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These suffixes form nouns:

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-ship	state or quality of	friendship
-ism	characteristic of	optimism
-dom	state or quality of	wisdom
-ology	study or science of	geology



Complete each noun with the correct base word for the suffix.

- A hero shows hero ism.
- Some people face hard times, but learn to grow from their hard ship.
- A free nation holds free dom as a right.
- The scientists at a zoo study zoo ology.
- A citizen of a country has citizen ship.
- A country with a king is a king dom.
- Something that seems real has the characteristic of real ism.
- The study of the ecosystem is ec ology.

What other words do you know with these suffixes? Write two sentences of your own using at least one suffix in each sentence.

- They showed sportsmans hip.
- The student's showe d ship.

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These suffixes form adjectives:

Suffix	Meaning	Example
-able	is, can be	doable
-al	like	natural
-ic	relating to	angelic
-ous	full of	nervous

Complete each sentence with the correct word. Use the suffixes from the rule box.

- If you can return something, it is returnable.
- If you are full of joy, you are joyous.
- If something is like magic, it is magical.
- If something is related to poetry, it is poetic.
- If something is like the center, it is central.
- If something is able to perish, it is perishable.
- If you are full of adventure, you are adventurous.
- If something is related to science, it is scientific.

What other words do you know with these suffixes? Write two sentences of your own using at least one suffix in each sentence.

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Many words used in science have Greek or Latin roots.

Root	Meaning	Example
therm	heat	thermal
scope	instrument for viewing	periscope
hydr	water	hydrant
terra	land, earth	terrain

Given the meaning of the roots, determine the meaning of these words.

- terrestrial Earth
- dehydrate not enough water
- hydroelectricity water power (electricity)
- thermos keeps in heat
- microscope an instrument for viewing small things
- hydrology the study of water
- thermometer instrument to measure temp.
- terrarium enclosure with land
- hydrate to get water
- telescope an instrument to view stars
- territory a piece of land
- hydrotherapy water therapy

When you know the meaning of common Greek and Latin word roots, you can figure out the meanings of many words.

Root	Meaning	Example
chron	time	chronology
lum	light	illuminate
phon	sound	telephone
nym	name	anonymous

Complete each sentence with the correct word from the word box.

- ~~chronic~~
- ~~photograph~~
- ~~symphony~~
- ~~terminally~~
- synonym
- chronological
- luminous
- pseudonym

- The fish that glowed in the deep ocean was luminescent.
- Carrie placed the names of the presidents in chronological order.
- The Boston Symphony played beautiful music for its audience.
- She used a pseudonym to hide her identity.
- Maria played some records on a phonograph owned by her parents.
- James has a chronic cough that has lasted for a month.
- The committee declared Ms. True a luminous because she outshone others in her field.
- The teacher asked the student to think of a synonym to make her writing more interesting.

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Root	Meaning	Example
photo	light	photograph
bio	life	biography
geo	earth	geography
cycl	wheel, circular	cycle

Match each word in the word box with its definition.

- ~~geophysics~~
- ~~biology~~
- photosensitive
- ~~eyelid~~
- geothermal
- photosynthesis
- recycle
- antibiotic
- cyclone
- antibiotic

- sensitive to light photosensitive
- of the heat of the Earth geothermal
- a substance that destroys microorganisms antibiotic
- violent rotating windstorm cyclone
- to reuse or pass through again recycle
- physics of the Earth geophysics
- how plants use light as an energy source photosynthesis
- the study of life biology
- having the Earth as the center geocentric
- recurring or moving in circles cyclical