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TOPIC: PREFIX AND SUFFIX

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A **root word** stands on its own as a word but you can make new words from it by adding beginnings (Prefixes) and endings (Suffixes).

PREFIX:

A **Prefix** is a letter or a group of letters that is added at the beginning of the root word to form a new word.

- A Prefix does not have any meaning of its own but when added to a root word it modifies the meaning of the word.
- Prefix makes a word negative, indicates opinion or shows repetition.

Prefix Examples:

- un (Prefix) + happy (Root Word) = unhappy (new word)
- dis (Prefix) + organized (Root word) = disorganized (new word)

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
mis -	wrong	mistake, misbehave
dis -	not, opposite of	disappear, disqualify
il -	not	illogical, illegal
im -	not, without	impossible, improper
in -	not, without	inactive, invisible
un -	against, not, opposite	undo, unequal

re -	again	redo, react, renew
ir -	not	irregular, irresponsible

A **Suffix** is a group of letters added to the end of the root word to make a new word.

- Suffix does change the meaning of the word it is added to and does not make the word opposite or negative like Prefixes do, it simply changes the class of the root word like a verb is changed into an adjective by adding a Suffix.

Suffix Examples:

- forget (root word) + ful (Suffix) = forgetful (new word)
- happy (root word) + ness (Suffix) = happiness (new word)

Suffix	Meaning	Examples
- ish	having the quality of	childish, selfish
- ness	denoting a state or condition	kindness, happiness
- less	without, not effected by	careless, meaningless
- ible	usually able to be, capable of	responsible, destructible
- er	person or object that does a specified action, comparatives	worker, dancer
- ment	the act, state or result of an action	enjoyment, development
- ous	full of	joyous, famous
- ion	the action or process of	revision, collection