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TOPIC: PREFIX

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PREFIX

Prefix is a letter or a group of letters added to the beginning of a word or a root word to make a new word with a different meaning.

Eg: im + possible = impossible
(prefix) (root word)

The word "impossible" consists of the prefix 'im' which means not, combined with the root word 'possible'. The new word 'impossible' means not possible.

REMEMBER

*Most of the words change to their antonyms (opposite) when the Prefixes are added.

Eg: in +visible + invisible , mis +understand = misunderstand

*The meaning of the word changes when a Prefix is added.

* A prefix can be a single letter too.

Eg: asleep, awake

Some examples of Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Example
il-	not	illogical, illegal, illiterate
im-	not, without	imperfect, impossible, immature
in-	not, without	incorrect, invisible, incorrigible
mis-	wrong, bad	misbehave, misunderstand, misfortune
dis-	not, opposite	disrespect, disappear, disappoint
un-	not, against	unknown, unfriendly, undone
re-	again	redo react renew
ir-	not	irregular irresponsible irresistible