



ACADEMIC LYCEUM “INTERNATIONAL HOUSE – TASHKENT”

2nd semester
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Topic 60: Solutions. Advanced. Unit 8 Prefixes and suffixes



Affixes

Group of letters attach **before** and **after** the root word.

un+accept+**able**= **unacceptable**

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(root word)

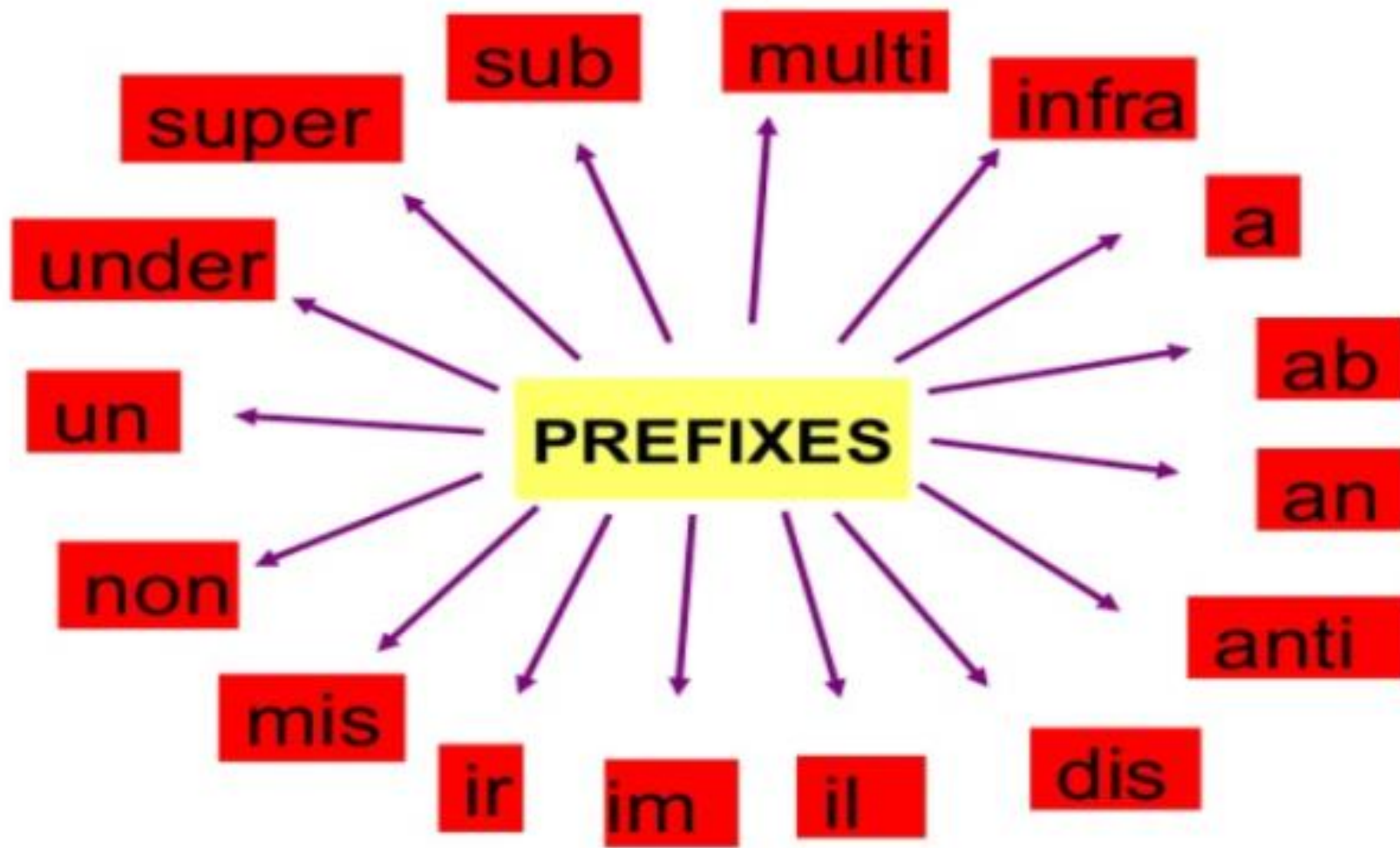
Prefixes

A group of letters placed **before** the root word.

Suffixes

A group of letters placed **after** the root word.

Common prefixes



ESL PREFIXES IN ENGLISH

non- (Not, without)	sub- (Under)	trans- (Across)	un- (Not)
Nonsense Nonentity Nondescript Nonactive Nonexistent	Submerge Submarine Sub-category Subtitle Subconscious	Transport Transnational Transatlantic Transact Transform	Unfinished Unfriendly Undone Unknown Unlike
uni- (One)	post- (After)	inter- (Between)	ex- (Former)
Unicycle Universal Unilateral Unanimous	Postmortem Postpone Postnatal Postscript Posterity	Interact Intermediate Intergalactic Interstellar Interlock	Ex-president Ex-boyfriend Exterminate Exterior Extension



COMMON PREFIXES

ante- Antecedent Antedate Antemeridian Anterior	anti- Anticlimax Antiaircraft Antiseptic Antibody	auto- Autopilot Autobiography Automobile Autofocus	circum- Circumvent Circumnavigate Circumscribe
co- Co-pilot Co-worker Co-exist Co-author	com-/con- Companion Commingle Contact Concentrate	contra- Contradict Contrast Contrary Controversy	de- Devalue Deactivate Debug Degrade
dis- Disappear Disagreeable Disbar Dissect	en- Enclose Entangle Enslave Encase	ex- Extract Exhale Excavate Ex-president	extra- Extracurricular Extramartial Extravagant

SUFFIXES IN ENGLISH

Suffixes are placed after words to modify their meanings; like prefixes, they are groups of letters that rarely serve a purpose unless attached to a word.



SUFFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLES
-able/-ible	capable of being	portable, legible, preventable, adaptable
-ac/-ic	like/related to	cardiac, iconic, organic
-acy	state/quality of being	privacy, legitimacy, bureaucracy
-ious	full of	gracious, malicious, ambitious
-al	related to	logical, philosophical, bacterial

SUFFIXES IN ENGLISH

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-sion/-tion (State of being)	-ate (Become)	-ful (Notable for)	-ic/-ical (Having the form)
Position Promotion Cohesion Affection Ambition	Mediate Collaborate Create Eradicate Detonate	Handful Playful Hopeful Skilful Thankful	Psychological Hypocritical Methodical Nonsensical Musical
-ive (Having the nature of)	-less (Without)	-ly (Related to/quality)	-ward, -wards (Direction)
Inquisitive Informative Attentive Abortive Active	Meaningless Hopeless Homeless Mindless Spotless	Softly Slowly Happily Crazily Madly	Towards Afterwards Backwards Inward Outwards

NOUN SUFFIXES

–age <hr/> Wreckage Vintage Baggage Cartage	–ance <hr/> Importance Appearance Significance Resistance	–ant <hr/> Assistant Accountant Consultant Contestant	–ee <hr/> Referee Employee Payee Conferee
–ence <hr/> Difference Dependence Subsistence	–ery <hr/> Bakery Machinery Scenery Bravery	–ess <hr/> Waitress Actress Hostess	–ion <hr/> Wreckage Vintage Baggage Cartage
–er/-or <hr/> Teacher Geographer Foreigner Doctor	–ist <hr/> Florist Chemist Dramatist Economist	–ment <hr/> Measurement Abridgment Banishment Accomplishment	–ness <hr/> Happiness Bitterness Darkness Kindheartedness



Use the prefixes and suffixes with these roots, to make new words. You can add a prefix, a suffix, or both to the root. Then write the meaning of the word on the line:



Root	New Word	Part of Speech	Meaning
slow - adj	slowly	adverb	opposite of quickly, not fast
kind - adj			
wonder - verb, noun			
quiet – adj.			
home - noun			
friend - noun			
real – adj.			
appear - verb			
help - verb			
fiction - noun			