

Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Example
un-	not	unsuccessful
dis-	not	dissimilar
mis-	wrong	misbehave
re-	again	replay
uni-	one	unilateral
bi-	two	bicycle
tri-	three	triangle
pre-	before	prehistoric
post-	after	postproduction
over-	excess	overheat
anti-	against	antifreeze
auto-	self	autobiography
de-	reversal	deactivate
inter-	between	intersection
mid-	middle	midnight
sub-	beneath	substandard
trans-	across	transatlantic
ex-	out of/former	exported/ex-husband
in-	not	inactive

A prefix is added to the beginning of a word to make a new word

Suffixes

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-er	comparative – more	smaller
-est	superlative - most	longest
-ful	full of	bountiful
-less	without	remorseless
-ed	verb – past tense	walked
-ing	verb- present tense	running
-ly	adverb	quickly
-ous	characterised by	ridiculous
-ess	feminine	princess
-ance	makes a verb or an adjective into a noun	appearance (verb) brilliance (adjective)
-tion	makes a verb into a noun	decoration
-able	can be done	readable
-ment	the result of a verb	amazement
-ty	showing a multiple of ten/characteristic	sixty/disloyalty

A suffix is added to the end of a word to make a new word