

Affixes By Grade Level

Grade	Prefix	Root	Suffix	Definition	Examples	
Kinder	re-			again, back	return, revise, rewrite, rewind	
	un-			opposite of, not	unfriendly, unwise, unkind	
	pre-			before	pre-write, prefix, preview	
			-ed	past tense	revised, hopped, waved, loved	
			-ful	full of	hopeful, beautiful, careful	
			-less	without	fearless, hopeless, careless	
			-s	plural, more than one	monkeys, kids, girls	
1 st			-ing	action	walking, talking, writing, speaking	
	pre-			before	pre-write, prefix, preview	
	re-			again, back	return, revise, rewrite, rewind	
	un-			opposite of, not	unfriendly, unkind, unwise	
			-ful	full of	hopeful, beautiful, careful	
			-less	without	fearless, hopeless, careless	
2 nd			-er	one who, more	higher, teacher, writer, baker	
			-es	plural, more than one	cookies, boxes, foxes	
	dis-			not, opposite of	disagree, disrespect, dislike	
	mega-			huge	megaphone, megastar, megabytes	
	micro-			small	microscope, microorganism	
	mis-			wrongly	misbehave, misspell, misplace	
	super-			above, beyond	superstar, superstructure, superman	
3 rd	pro-			good at, in favor of	professional, protagonist, proclaim	
			-est	most	fastest, smartest, cleanest	
			-ly	every, (when making an adverb: characteristic of)	quickly, badly, friendly	
	in-			not, into	injustice, inactive, incomplete, incorrect	
	im-			not	impossible, impatient, imperfect	
	after-			later	afterward, aftershock, afterthought	
	magni-			great, larger	magnify, magnificent, magnitude	
			-able	inclined to	comfortable, lovable, knowledgeable	
4 th			-ied	past tense	cried, tried, classified, notified	
			-y	state of	cloudy, fishy, sunny	
			-ment	act, process	enjoyment, replacement, retirement	
			-en	to make, made of	wooden, dampen, tighten	
	de-			reduce, away from	defeat, decrease, deform	
	over-			too much, above	overused, overstated, overboard	
	mis-			bad, wrong	misfire, misinformation, misdiagnose	
	non-			not	nonsense, nonfat	
	under-			too little, below	underused, underfed, underground	
	bi-			two	bicycle, binoculars, bifocals	
	tri-			three	triathlon, triangle, tricycle	
	5 th	oct-			eight	octopus, octagon
			-or	one who does, that which does	doctor, survivor, conductor	
			-tion	state of, act of	attraction, definition, addition	
			-al, -ial	characterized by, related to	personal, dental, colonial, betrayal	
			-ness	state of, condition	kindness, darkness, fairness	
			-arium	place for	aquarium, planetarium	
5 th	photo-			light	photograph, photosynthesis	
	tele-			far	telephone, teleport, telegram	
	auto-			self	autopilot, automobile, autograph	
	deci-			ten	decimal, decade, decimeter	
	dis-			not	dislike, disagree, disapprove	
		bio			life	biology, biography, autobiography
		cred(it)			believe	incredible, creditable, credited
		dynam			power	dynamic, dynamite
		peal			push, drive	appealing, repealed, appealing
				-ble	inclined to	comfortable, fashionable, disagreeable
				-ive	inclined, tending toward an action	talkative, active, festive, sensitive
				-logy	study of, science of	biology, zoology, oncology, anthropology
				-ologist	one who studies science in the area of	biologist, zoologist, oncologist, anthropologist
			-ance	act or condition of	assistance, importance	
			-ence	act or condition of	excellence, persistence	
			-an	relating to, belonging to, one who has a skill	librarian, dietician, electrician	
6 th	inter-			within	interview, interstate, intercept	
	trans-			across	transformation, transportation, transfer	
	anti-			against	antibiotic, antidote, antifreeze	
	mid-			middle	midway, midnight, midsection	
	sub-			under	subway, substitute	
		audi			to hear	audience, auditory, audible
		fact			make, do	factory, malefactor, manufacture
		forc			strength	forcible, forceful, enforcer
		sens			feel, think	sensation, sensitive, sentiment
		servat			save, keep, serve	conservation, conservative, reservation
				-ic	having characteristics of	energetic, historic, linguistic
				-ty	state of	eternity, equality, prosperity
				-ize	to make, cause, or become	energize, criticize, apologize
				-age	result of an action, collection	manage, drainage, acreage
			-fy	to make, to form into	beautify, rectify, liquefy, solidify	
			-ish	like, having characteristics of	childish, girlish, bookish	

Prefix – Word chunk added to the beginning of a root word that alters the meaning of the root

Root – Word without an affix; form of the word after all affixes are removed

Suffix – Word chunk added to the end of a root word that alters the meaning of the root