

VOCABULARY BUILDING

1. Prefixes and Suffixes.

In this lesson you will learn how to expand your vocabulary by studying prefixes and suffixes.



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1. PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

- You can add prefixes and suffixes to create new words. This is called word derivation.
- You can understand new vocabulary by knowing the meaning of these affixes.
- You can also produce new terms by adding affixes to a base word.

1.a. Prefixes

- Add a prefix to create new words.
- Prefixes change the meaning of words. Examples:

Happy → Unhappy

Agree → Disagree

Byte → Megabyte

1.b. Suffixes

- Suffixes change the “part of speech” and the meaning.

Happy (adjective) → **Happiness** (noun)

Agree (verb) → **Agreement** (noun)

Easy (adjective) → **Easily** (adverb)

Health (noun) → **Healthy** (adjective)

1.c. Prefixes and suffixes

Happy (Base word)

Unhappiness (new term)

Can you identify the **base word** in these derived forms?

1. Imperceptible

2. Unfriendly

3. Decentralize

4. antidisestablishmentarianism

5. Bimonthly

6. Miscalculation

7. Unlucky

1.c. Prefixes and suffixes

New term gotten after affixes were added to a base word

1. **Im**perceptible

2. **Un**friendly

3. **De**centralize

4. **anti****dis**establish**ment**arianism

5. **Bi**monthly

6. **Mis**calculation

7. **Un**lucky

TECHNICAL PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

Computer

e-mail

cyberspace

synthesize

upload

robotics

Engineering

geothermal

stiffness

kinematics

Hydrocarbon

interface

Social Sciences

Management

Empowerment

Capitalist

Billionaire

Leadership

Examples of affixes in phrases and sentences

- *Equation 1 was integrated numerically to obtain the dimensionless thickness of the well.*
- **if you are an exceptionally talented individual, the United States offers you the chance to progress more quickly in your career and earn significantly more money.**
- **the Programme for International Student Assessment of the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development).**

AFFIXES FROM A TEXT.

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|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. accidental | 28. interconnection | 56. entitle | 84. misinterpreting | 112. optional | 140. misshaping |
| 2. accidentally | 29. interconnections | 57. entitled | 85. misinterprets | 113. panelling | 141. misshaped |
| 3. adulthood | 30. coolant | 58. entitles | 86. japan | 114. parliamentary | 142. sharpen |
| 4. analytical | 31. countercounter | 59. entitling | 87. japanese | 115. partnership | 143. signalling |
| 5. analytically | 32. countered | 60. evolutionary | 88. labelling | 116. performance | 144. sunken |
| 6. annoyance | 33. critically | 61. exclusionary | 89. lengthen | 117. piglet | 145. smarten |
| 7. apologetically | 34. critical | 62. experimental | 90. lengthways | 118. preference | 146. soften |
| 8. assistance | 35. cyclical | 63. experimentally | 91. librarianship | 119. semipro | 147. sponsorship |
| 9. assistant | 36. bicyclist | 64. fellowship | 92. locational | 120. semipros | 148. stardom |
| 10. automatically | 37. bicyclists | 65. flowery | 93. logical | 121. promotional | 149. strengthen |
| 11. avoidance | 38. darken | 66. fractionally | 94. logically | 122. proportional | 150. stylistically |
| 12. behavioural | 39. decent | 67. fractional | 95. logician | 123. proportionally | 151. sweeten |
| 13. behavioral | 40. definitional | 68. freshen | 96. marginal | 124. reactionary | 152. antitank |
| 14. blockage | 41. democratically | 69. frighten | 97. marginally | 125. reactant | 153. thicken |
| 15. boundary | 42. deterministic ally | 70. fuelling | 98. marvelling | 126. recessional | 154. threaten |
| 16. brighten | 43. diagrammatically | 71. generational | 99. mateship | 127. recessionary | 155. tighten |
| 17. broaden | 44. dietary | 72. golden | 100. materialistically | 128. reflectance | 156. topical |
| 18. cancelling | 45. directional | 73. honorary | 101. message | 129. rental | 157. traditional |
| 19. channelling | 46. disappearance | 74. institutional | 102. metrical | 130. resistance | 158. traditionally |
| 20. cheer | 47. distributional | 75. institutionally | 103. metrically | 131. resistant | 159. transference |
| 21. chicken | 48. domestically | 76. instructional | 104. modelling | 132. respondent | 160. trickery |
| 22. citizenship | 49. dramatically | 77. instructionally | 105. moralistically | 133. revisionary | 161. wardship |
| 23. coastal | 50. duckling | 78. intentional | 106. motorways | 134. revolutionary | 162. weaken |
| 24. complainant | 51. editorship | 79. intentionally | 107. mountaineer | 135. scenically | 163. midwinter |
| 25. interconnect | 52. emotional | 80. misinterpret | 108. neighborhood | 136. seasonal | 164. unwise |
| 26. interconnected | 53. emotionally | 81. misinterpretation | 109. neighbour hood | 137. seasonally | 165. withdrawal |
| 27. interconnects | 54. energetically | 82. misinterpretations | 110. observational | 138. misshape | |
| | 55. entire | 83. misinterpreted | 111. officialdom | 139. misshapes | |

CONCLUSION

Knowing affixes (prefixes and suffixes) will allow you to:

- 1. Understand how words are derived in English.**
- 2. Figure out the meaning of new words.**
- 3. Recognize word “families” based on the affixes attached.**
- 4. Be able to create new vocabulary.**
- 5. Expand your vocabulary.**