

ROOT WORDS/PREFIXES/SUFFIXES

What are Root Words, Prefixes, and Suffixes?

A **root word** is a word with no prefixes or suffixes added to it. A root word is the basic element, the base, of a word.

Examples:

Stop, cry, laugh, and turn are ALL root words.

The root word of *driving* is drive.

The root word of *fearless* is fear.

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Preheat means to heat **before**.

untie – the prefix *un* is added to the root word tie

Untie means to **undo** the tie.

antisocial – the prefix *anti* is added to the root word social

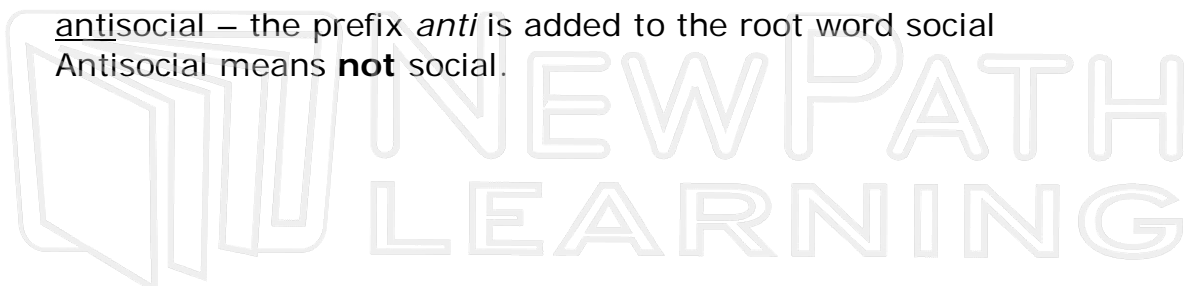
Antisocial means **not** social.



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A **suffix** is added to the ENDING of a root word to form a new word. Adding a **suffix** to a root word can change the meaning of that root word.

Examples:

jumped - the suffix *ed* is added to the root word jump
Jumped means to have jumped in the past

running - the suffix *ing* is added to the root word run
Running means to be running in the present.

biggest - the suffix *est* is added to the root word big
Biggest means bigger than all the rest.

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a] sing

b] ing

c] sin

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What is the **prefix** in the word **misguide**?

a] mi

b] mis

c] de

d] guide

What is the **suffix** in the word **larger**?

a] la

b] larg

c] r

d] er



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