

PREFIX/SUFFIX

What is a Prefix?

A **prefix** is a group of letters added to the **BEGINNING** of a root word or another prefix.

Example:
triangle

Prefixes have meanings of their own.

Example:
The prefix *anti-* means against

Wh

A su
ano

Suf



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When you add a suffix to a word, you may change the part of speech too.

Examples:

to please = verb
I like to please my teachers and do well in class.

pleasure = noun
It is my pleasure to be your friend.

pleasant = adjective
It is a pleasant day.

When you add a prefix or suffix to a word, you **CHANGE** the meaning of that word.

Examples:

I like to eat cherries. - means you enjoy eating cherries

I dislike eating cherries. - means you do NOT enjoy eating cherries

Try

The

a

b

c

If you

a

b

c



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Which of these **prefixes** do you add to the word **moral** to mean 'not moral'?

- a) un-
- b) im-
- c) il-
- d) in-

When the suffix **-er** is added to the word **happy**, what is the correct spelling?

- a) hapier
- b) hapyer
- c) happier
- d) happyer