

1 st Grade		
Suffix	Definition	Examples
-s -es	plural, more than one	hats, pigs, boxes, wishes
-ing	action/process	helping, skipping, running, seeing, thinking
-ed	past tense	jumped, helped

2 nd Grade		
Prefix	Definition	Examples
un-	not/ opposite	unlock, unsafe
re-	again/ back	reread, rewrite, return
dis-	not/ opposite of	dislike, distrust
Suffix	Definition	Examples
-er	person connected with/ comparative degree	teacher, writer, baker, bigger, colder, taller
-est	superlative degree	biggest, coldest, tallest

3 rd Grade			
Prefix	Definition	Examples	Notes
in-	not	inactive, insane, inexpensive	
Suffix	Definition	Examples	Notes
-ful	full of	beautiful, painful	Usually an adjective
-less	without	careless, helpless	
-y	characterized by/ like	cloudy, fishy	
-ly	characteristic of	badly, friendly, quickly	Usually an adverb

4 th Grade			
Prefix	Definition	Examples	Notes
under-	too little/ below	underfed, underground	
over-	too much/ above	overdone, overhead	
non-	not	nonfat, nonsense	
pre-	before	preplan, pretest	
bi-	2	bicycle, binocular	
tri-	3	tricycle, triangle	
quad-	4	quadrilateral, quadrant	
oct-	8	octagon, octopus	
Suffix	Definition	Examples	Notes
-ion -ation -sion -tion	act of/ state of/ result of	attention, vision, invitation	Usually a noun
-ness	condition/ state of	darkness, fairness	Usually a noun
-ment	act/ process	enjoyment, replacement	
-er -or	one who/ that which	baker, boxer, conductor, survivor	Usually a noun

5th Grade

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Examples</u>
semi-	half	semicircle, semicolon
super-	above/ on top of/ beyond	superfine, superhuman, supersonic
multi-	many/ much	multicolor, multifamily
poly-	many/ much	polygon, polysyllable
tele-	distant/far	television, telephone
mis-	bad or badly/ wrong or wrongly	misbehave, misread, misspell
inter-	between	intercept, interview, interstate
mid-	middle	midnight, midweek
sub-	under, beneath/ secondary	subway, subsoil, substitute
deca- deci-	10	decathlon, decade, decimal, decimeter
kilo-	1,000	kilogram, kilowatt
milli- mille-	1,000	millennium, millimeter
centi-	100	centimeter, centipede
<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Examples</u>
-able -ible	can be done	enjoyable, sensible, likable
-ian -an	one having a certain skill/ relating to/ belonging to	electrician, magician, American, suburban
-ship	condition of/ skill	championship, friendship, hardship, leadership
-ist	one who does a specific action	artist, tourist
-logy -ology	science of/ study of	biology, chronology
-ism	act/ belief/ practice of	patriotism, idealism, absenteeism,
-ence -ance	act/ condition of	persistence, excellence, assistance, importance
-ess	feminine	actress, lioness
<u>Root</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Examples</u>
max(i)	great	maximum, maximize
meter metr	measure	diameter, odometer, metric, perimeter
photo	light	photograph, telephoto, photocopy
port	to carry	portable, transport
phobia phobic phobe	irrational fear or hatred/ one who fears/ hates	aquaphobia, claustrophobic technophobe
rupt	break/ burst	bankrupt, rupture, disruptive
scrib script	to write	describe, manuscript
gram graph	written/ drawn	autograph, paragraph, telegram
dict	to say/ tell	diction, dictator
ject	to throw	inject, objection
spect spec	to see/ watch/ observe	prospect, respect, specimen

6th Grade

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Examples</u>	<u>Notes</u>
en- em-	to cause to be/ to put into or onto/ to go into or onto	encounter, enable, employ, embark, encircle	
fore-	before/ earlier	forearm, foreword	
de-	reduce down/ away from	defeat, deform, decrease	
trans-	across/ change/ through	transformation, transportation, transfer	
anti-	opposite/ against	antibiotic, antifreeze	
di- dia-	two/ through/ across	digraph, dialogue, diagonal	
ex-	out of/ away from	extract, exhale, extend	
auto-	self	autograph, automatic	
in- il- im ir-	not	inability illegible immature irregular	il- used before l im- used before b, m, p ir- used before r
in- il- im- ir-	in/ on/ toward	infer illustrate improve irrigate	l- used before l im- used before b, m, p ir- used before r
bio-	life	biography, biological	
mini-	small	miniature, minimum	
micro-	small/ minute	microbiology, microscope	
uni-	one/ single	unicorn, unicycle, uniform	
<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Examples</u>	
-en	made of/ to make	wooden, dampen, tighten	
-dom	condition of	boredom, freedom, kingdom	Usually a noun
-ity	state of/ quality of	prosperity, equality	Usually a noun
-al -ial	related to/ characterized by	colonial, biennial, dental, betrayal	Usually an adjective
-ion -ation -sion -tion	act of/ state of/ result of	tension, attention, elevation, union	Usually a noun
-ish	relating to/ characteristic of	childish, foolish	Usually an adjective
-ent -ant	an action/ condition	student, contestant, immigrant	Often a noun (-ant often indicates a person)
-ent -ant	causing a specific action	obedient, absorbent, abundant, elegant	Often an adjective
-hood	the state/ the condition/ the quality	boyhood, likelihood	Usually a noun

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Root	Definition	Examples	
aqua	water	aquarium, aquamarine	
act	put in motion/ process of doing	action, react, transact	
mit	to send	emit, transmit	
anni annu enni	year	anniversary, semiannual, millennium	Usually a noun
arch	chief/ ruler	archenemy, matriarch	
duct duc	lead	induce, conduct	
geo	earth/ ground/ soil	geography, geology	
man	hand	manicure, manually	
nym onym	name/ word	antonym, synonym	
phon	voice/ sound	telephone, symphony	
therm	heat	thermometer, thermostat	
tox	poison	toxic, toxicology	
scope	to watch/ see	microscope, telescope	

7th Grade

Prefix	Definition	Examples	Notes
ante-	in front of/ before	antecedent, antebellum	
ab-	from/ away	absent, absorb, abnormal	
a-	on/ in/ to	across, aboard, aside	
a-	without/ not	atypical, amoral, asocial	
co- con- com-	together/ with	cooperate, concede, combine, concrete	
pro-	forward/ before/ in support of	proceed, pronoun, prohibit	
intra-	within	intranet, intramural	
mega-	great/ huge	megabyte, megaphone	
post-	after/ following	postpone, postwar	
Suffix	Definition	Examples	Notes
-ous -ious -eous	full of/ characterized by	adventurous, nervous, mysterious, courteous	Usually an adjective
-ive -itive -ative	inclined/ tending toward an action	festive, talkative, active intrusive creative, sensitive	Words that end with 'de' change the -de to 's' add -ive Words that end with silent e drop the 'e' add -ive
-ic	relating to/ characterized by	energetic, historic	Usually an adjective
-ize	to make/ to cause to become	fertilize, criticize, apologize	Usually a verb
-fy -ify	to make	satisfy, magnify	Usually a verb
-age	result of an action/ collection	manage, drainage, acreage	
-some	characterized by a specified quality, condition, or action	awesome, lonesome	
Root	Definition	Examples	Notes
chron	time	chronology, synchronize	
temp	time	temporary, temperature	
aer, aero	air	aerial, aerospace	
cede ceed	to go/ yield/ surrender	proceed, secede, precede, concede	
cept ceive cap ceit cep cip	to take/ catch/ seize/ hold/ receive	accept, deceive, captive, conceit, concept, municipal	
fract frag	to break	fracture, fraction, fragment	
gen	race, kind, or species/ birth	gender, genetics, genesis	
grat	thanks/ pleasing	congratulations, gratify	
liber	free	liberty, liberate	

7th Grade cont.

Root	Definition	Examples	Notes
leg lect lig	law/ to choose/ to pick/ to read/ to speak	legend, legal, intelligent, elect, lecture	
mater matr matri	mother	maternal, matrimony, matriarch	
pater patr	father	paternal, patriot	
mot mob	to move	motivate, mobilize	
opt	eye/ to make a choice	optometry, optic, optional	
ped pod	foot	pedal, pedestrian, tripod	
ped	child	pediatrician	
urb	city	urban, suburban	
pop	people	population, popular	
tract	to draw/ pull	attract, distract, retract	
form	to shape	conform, reform, transform	
pend	to hang/ weigh	suspend, pendulum	

8 th Grade			
Prefix	Definition	Examples	Notes
hyper-	over/ above/ excessive	hyperactive, hypercritical	
hypo- hyp-	below/ less than normal	hypothermia, hypnosis	
omni-	all	omnipresent, omniscient	
homo-	same	homogeneous, homonym	
hetero-	different/ other	heterogeneous, heteronym	
ultra-	beyond in degree/ extreme	ultramarine, ultraviolet	
Suffix	Definition	Examples	Notes
-cide	kill	germicide, pesticide	Usually a noun
-ery	relating to/ quality/ place where	imagery, pottery, bakery	Usually a noun
-ary	relating to/ place where/ one who	dictionary, infirmary cautionary, dietary, missionary	Noun/adjective
-ium	chemical element/ group	helium, aquarium	Usually a noun
-tude	condition/ state/ quality of	altitude, gratitude	Usually a noun
Root	Definition	Examples	Notes
aud	to hear/ listen	audible, audition	
cred	to believe	credit, incredible	
archae arche archi	primitive/ ancient	archaeologist, archives, achetype	
belli	war	belligerent, bellicose	
claim clam	to declare/ call out/ cry out	exclaim, clamorous	
crat cracy	rule/ strength/ power	democrat, aristocracy	
hemo hema	blood	hematology, hemophilia	
luna	moon	lunar, lunatic	
mar	sea	maritime, submarine	
mort	death	mortuary, mortality	
path	feeling/ suffering/ disease	apathetic, pathology	
pel	to drive/ push	expel, propeller	
struc struct	to build	construct, instructor	
vis vid	to see	vision, evidence	
voc voke	to call	advocate, revoke	
cogn	to know	cognition, recognize	
loc loqu	to speak/ talk/ say	colloquial, ventriloquist, loquacious	

9th Grade

Root	Definition	Examples
bene	well/ good	benediction, beneficial
cardi	heart	cardiac, cardiology
ego	self	egocentric, egoism
don donat	give/ gift	donate, donation
luc lum	light	translucent, illuminate
mania	madness/ frenzy/ abnormal/ obsession	maniac, kleptomania
nate nat	born	native, innate
neg	no/ deny	negative, negate
neo	new	neonatal
nov	new	novice
phys	nature	physics, physical
psych	mind/ soul	psychic, psychopath
reg	guide/ rule	regime, regent
sci	to know/ learn	science, conscience
sol	alone	solitary, soliloquy
tact tang	to touch	contact, tangible
terr	land	terrain, territory
vac	empty	vacate, evacuate
ver veri	true/ genuine	verdict, veritable