

Forty Most Frequent Prefixes and Suffixes

Word Beginnings and Endings
You Can Really Use



What Are Prefixes?

- Prefixes are first syllables like "non-" and "re-" that have their own meaning.
- Prefixes combine with words to create new meanings.
 - 1. Pre + View = Preview (first look)
 - 2. Super + Star = Superstar (top player)



Why Learn Prefixes?

- Prefixes add meaning to thousands of words.
- Learn a few prefixes, and you open up the meaning of thousands of words.
- The four most frequent prefixes are 97% of prefixed words!



Most Common Prefixes

- 1. Anti = against : anti-war
- 2. De = opposite : destroy
- 3. Dis* = not, opposite of : disagree
- 4. En(m) = cause to: encode, embrace
- 5. Fore = before: forecast
- 6. In(m) = in: intake, implant
- 7. Inter = between: interact



Do you know common prefixes?

- 1. Anti
- 2. De
- 3. Dis*
- 4. En(m)
- 5. Fore
- 6. In(m)
- 7. Inter

- A. between
- B. cause to
- C. against
- D. in
- E. before
- F. not
- G. opposite



Most Common Prefixes

- 8. Mid = Middle : Midway
- 9. Mis = Wrongly: Mistake
- 10. Non = Not : Nonsense
- 11. Over = Over: Overlook
- 12. Pre = Before: Preview
- 13. Re* = Again : Return
- 14. Semi = Half : Semicircle



Do you know common prefixes?

- 8. Mid
- 9. Mis
- 10.Non
- 11.Over
- 12. Pre
- 13. Re
- 14. Semi

- A. Wrong
- B. Center
- C. Not
- D. Half
- E. Again
- F. Above
- G. Before



Most Common Prefixes

- 15. Sub = Under : Submarine
- 16. Super = Above: Superstar
- 17. Trans = Across: Transport
- 18. Un* = Not : Unfriendly
- 19. Under = Under : Undersea
- 20. In, Im, Il, Ir * = Not : Injustice, Impossible, Illiterate, Irreligious.



Do you know common prefixes?

15. Sub

16. Super

17. Trans

18. Un

19. Under

20. In, Il, Ir

A. Across

B. Not

C. Below

D. Not

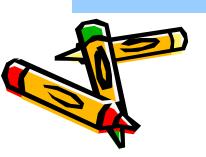
E. Above

F. Below



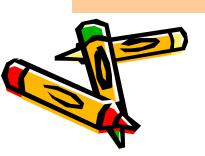
What Are Suffixes?

- Suffixes are last syllables like "ed" and "ly" that have their own meaning.
- Suffixes combine with words to create new meanings.
 - 1. Turn + ed = Turned (in the past)
 - 2. Quick + ly = Quickly (how it turned)



Why Learn Suffixes?

- Suffixes add meaning to thousands of words.
- Learn a few Suffixes, and you open up the meaning of thousands of words.
- The four most frequent suffixes are 97% of suffixed words!



Most Common Suffixes

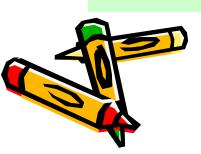
- 1. -able, ible = can be done : doable
- 2. -al, ial = has property of : personal
- 3. -ed* = past verb: turned
- 4. -en = made of : golden
- 5. -er = comparative : higher
- 6. -er = one who: doer, actor
- 7. -est = superlative : best, biggest



Do you know common suffixes?

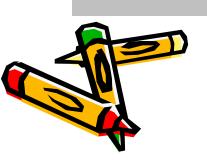
- 1. -able
- 2. -al
- 3. -ed
- 4. -en
- 5. -er
- 6. -er
- 7. -est

- a. Past
- b. Made of
- c. Having
- d. One who
- e. Comparative
- f. Can
- g. Superlative



Most Common Suffixes

8. -ful = full of : careful, joyful 9. -ic = having property of : linguistic 10. -ing* = present participle: running 11. -(t)ion = act, process: action 12. -(i)ty = state of : infinity, sanity 13. -(t)ive = adjective : motive, votive 14. -less = without : fearless, careless



Do you know common suffixes?

- 8. -ful
- 9. -ic
- 10. -ing*
- 11. -(t)ion
- 12. -(i)ty
- 13. -(t)ive
- 14. -less

- a. Present participle
- b. State of
- c. Without
- d. Having property of
- e. Full of
- f. Act
- g. Adjective
- h. Without



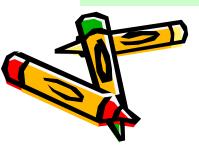
Most Common Suffixes

15. -ly* = having : quickly, quietly 16. -ment = action, process: enjoyment 17. -ness = state of : kindness 18. -ous = having : joyous, religious 19. -s* = more than one : books 20. -y = having : happy, windy Use these suffixes correctly, and you look and sound pretty smart.

Do you know common suffixes?

- 15. -ly*
- 16. -ment
- 17. -ness
- 18. -ous
- 19. -5*
- 20. -y

- a. Action
- b. Having
- c. Having
- d. Plural
- e. State of
- f. Having



Can you use common affixes?

- 1. I have a different idea; I __agree.
- 2. That can't be; it's just __possible.
- 3. Say that again; please __peat it.
- 4. Aliens look bad; they are __friendly.
- 5. Tina took the car since she want___ it.
- 6. Now the car is run__ down the road.
- 7. Tina is in a hurry; she's driving quick___.
- 8. Do you think that she has any ticket___?

