



English



Self-Learning pack

Grade 11



Lesson 14 - Affixes

Competency 4 - Building up vocabulary using words appropriately and accurately to convey precise meaning.

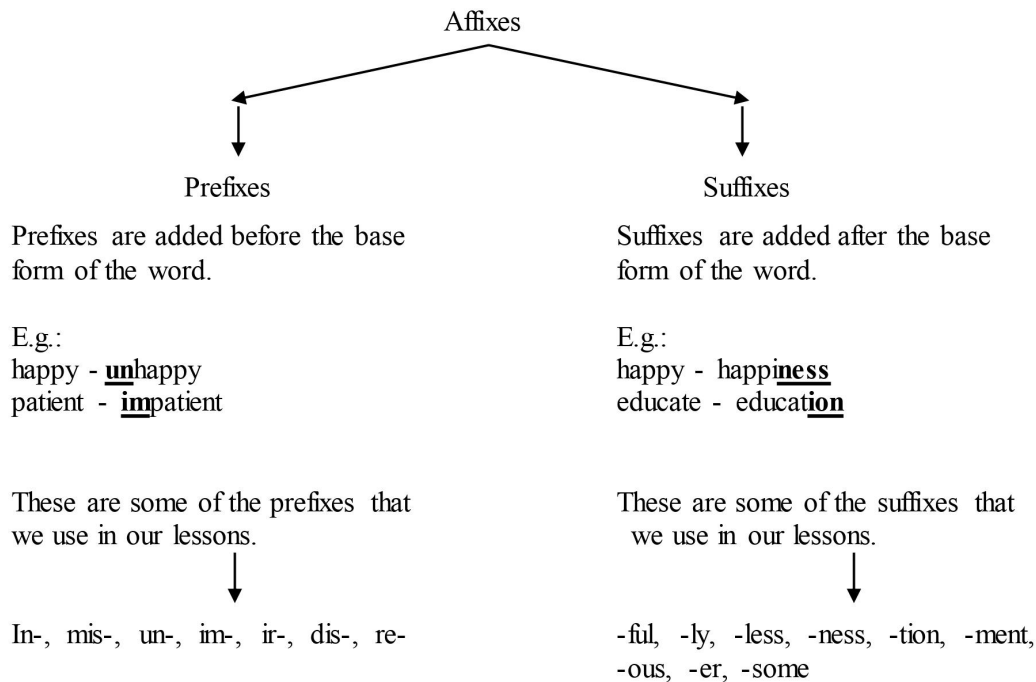
Competency level- 4.4 Uses affixes to change the word class and the meaning of words

Affixes

What is an affix?

An affix is a letter or a group of letters which is added to the base form of a word to form a new word.

These affixes are of two types.



Prefixes

Prefixes do not change the word class. Prefixes only change the meaning.

Eg:

1. active	-	<u>in</u> active
(adjective)		(adjective)
2. use	-	<u>mis</u> use
(verb)		(verb)

Word classes

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Nouns | 5. Prepositions |
| 2. Verbs | 6. Pronouns |
| 3. Adjectives | 7. Conjunctions |
| 4. Adverbs | 8. Interjections |



3. pleasant - unpleasant
(adjective) (adjective)

4. possible - impossible
(adjective) (adjective)

5. locate - relocate
(verb) (verb)

6. regular - irregular
(adjective) (adjective)

7. like - dislike
(verb) (verb)

Learn some more examples for prefixes.

in - correct - incorrect
capable - incapable
valid - invalid

un - clean - unclean
fit - unfit
tie - untie

im - proper - improper
polite - impolite
pure - impure

dis - connect - disconnect
continue - discontinue
advantage - disadvantage

mis - understand - misunderstand
lead - mislead
pronounce - mispronounce

re - write - rewrite
do - redo
act - react

ir - regular - irregular
relevant - irrelevant
responsible - irresponsible

il - legal - illegal
legible - illegible
literate - illiterate

Suffixes

Suffixes change the word class. Suffixes change the meaning.

Eg.

1. use - useful
(verb) (adjective)

2. care - careless
(verb/noun) (adjective)

3. sad - sadness
(adjective) (noun)

4. soft - softly
(adjective) (adverb)

5. exhibit - exhibition
(verb) (noun)

6. manage - management
(verb) (noun)

7. clean - cleaner
(verb) (noun)

8. fame - famous
(noun) (adjective)

9. trouble - troublesome
(noun) (adjective)

10. general - generalize
(adjective) (verb)



Learn some more examples for suffixes

-ness:	kind	-	kind <u>ness</u>	-less:	use	-	use <u>less</u>
	polite	-	polite <u>ness</u>		care	-	care <u>less</u>
	quiet	-	quiet <u>ness</u>		meaning	-	meaning <u>less</u>
-ful:	hope	-	hope <u>ful</u>	-ly:	slow	-	slow <u>ly</u>
	beauty	-	beauti <u>ful</u>		neat	-	neat <u>ly</u>
	success	-	success <u>ful</u>		friend	-	friend <u>ly</u>
-fully:	thank	-	thank <u>fully</u>	-tion:	invent	-	inven <u>tion</u>
	wonder	-	wonder <u>fully</u>		educate	-	educat <u>ion</u>
	peace	-	peace <u>fully</u>		create	-	creat <u>ion</u>
-er:	drive	-	drive <u>r</u>	-ize:	visual	-	visual <u>ize</u>
	bake	-	bake <u>r</u>		normal	-	normal <u>ize</u>
	teach	-	teach <u>er</u>		symbol	-	symbol <u>ize</u>
-sion:	divide	-	divis <u>ion</u>	-ment:	develop	-	develop <u>ment</u>
	decide	-	decis <u>ion</u>		engage	-	engage <u>ment</u>
	conclude	-	conclus <u>ion</u>		govern	-	govern <u>ment</u>
-ous:	joy	-	joy <u>ous</u>	-some:	tire	-	tire <u>some</u>
	poison	-	poison <u>ous</u>		quarrel	-	quarrel <u>some</u>
	glory	-	glori <u>ous</u>		awe	-	awe <u>some</u>

Now, let's do the following activities.

Activity 1

Form new words using the correct prefixes.(un-, re-, in-, dis-, mis-, im-)

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| a) mix - _____ | d) mortal - _____ |
| b) known - _____ | e) understand - _____ |
| c) accurate - _____ | f) qualify - _____ |

Activity 2

Use the word in the bracket with a prefix to fill in the blanks.

- The teacher was not happy about my essay. She asked me to _____ it.(write)
- It is _____ to walk on the left of the road. (legal)
- You will get stomach problems if you drink _____ water. (pure)
- _____ attendance to school may affect your examination results. (regular)
- Water, milk and oil are examples for _____ nouns. (countable)



Activity 3.

Form new words using the correct suffixes given in the bracket. (-ful, -ly, -ness, -less, -ment, -er)

a) harm - _____

d) help - _____

b) cricket - _____

e) silent - _____

c) tired - _____

f) improve - _____

Activity 4

Use the words in the brackets with a suffix to fill in the blank.

a) You should not go near the lion's cage. It is a _____ animal. (danger)

b) Switzerland is a _____ country. (peace)

c) The _____ imposed curfew to protect people from Covid-19 pandemic.
(govern)

d) Our new English teacher is a very _____ person. (friend)

e) The traffic police officer fined the _____ driver. (care)