

Prefix-Suffix-Root List by Grade Level Draft for Teacher Review 2009-2010

The following lists are not all-inclusive, but most common. They are a minimum students at each grade level should read and understand how to use and apply by the current school year end. Others may be added based on your classroom of students.

Prefix - A word part added to the beginning of a root or base word to create a new meaning,

Suffix - A letter or a group of letters added to the end of a root or base word to change its meaning,

Root - the form of a word after all affixes are removed

(Generally, prefixes and suffixes change the meanings of roots, but it is usually the suffix that denotes the part of speech.)

Incorporate prefix, suffix, and roots into working with words study.

1 st Grade					
Prefix	Suffix	Definition	Examples	Origin	Additional Information
	-s, -es	plural, more than one	hats, pigs, books, plays, boxes, wishes, dishes cliffs, roofs, beliefs knives, leaves, halves, selves	Anglo-Saxon	y after a vowel (s) words end in -s, -sh, -ch, -x, -z (-es) nouns ending -f or -fe (s) -f or -fe change -f to -v and add -es consonant followed by -o (-es) vowel followed by -o (-s)
	-ing	action/process	helping, skipping, running, seeing, thinking	Anglo-Saxon	Present participle of verb
	-ed	past tense	jumped, helped	Anglo-Saxon	Past tense verb

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2 nd Grade					
Prefix	Suffix	Definition	Examples	Origin	Additional Information
un-		not/opposite	unlock, unsafe, uncover	Anglo-Saxon	
re-		again/back	reread, rewrite, return	Latin	
	-er	person connected with, comparative degree	teacher, writer, baker, bigger, colder, taller	Anglo-Saxon	
	-est	superlative degree	biggest, coldest, tallest	Anglo-Saxon	Usually an adjective
	-ful	full of	beautiful, painful	Anglo-Saxon	Usually an adjective
	-less	without	careless, helpless	Anglo-Saxon	