**Worksheet** **|** Lower Secondary

 Stage (6-8)

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| **Subject:** English- Affixes: Prefixes and Suffixes | **Unit 2: Amazing Arts** |
| **Objectives:*** To review and practice the use of affixes
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**What is an affix?**

An affix is **a standard set of letters** **attached to a root word** that creates a new word. An affix must be attached to another unit such as a root word because it is not able to be used alone in language. Affixes are divided into **prefixes** and **suffixes**.

**Prefixes:**

A prefix is an affix added in the **beginning of words**. The prefix is also used to create a new word with a **different meaning**.

**List of most common prefixes:**

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| **Prefix**  | **Meaning**  | **Examples**  |
| bi- | two, twice  | bilingual, bisect, bi-monthly  |
| circum- | round  | circumnavigate, circumvent  |
| co- | with  | co-author, co-edit  |
| col-, com-, con-  | with  | collaborate, combine, connect  |
| contra-, counter-  | against, opposing  | contraception, counterclaim, counteract  |
| de- | opposite action  | declassify, destroy  |
| dia- | across  | diagonal, diameter  |
| dis-  | not, opposite of  | disagree, disprove, distrust, disbelief  |
| dys- | abnormal  | dyslexia, dysfunctional  |
| e- | electronic  | e-book, e-mail, e-governance  |
| eco- | related to environment  | eco-tourism, eco-disaster  |
| en-, em-  | cause to  | encode, embrace  |
| equi-  | equal  | equidistant, equilateral  |
| ex-  | previously, former  | ex-president, ex-student  |
| extra-  | very  | extra-bright, extra-strong  |
| extra-  | outside  | extra-curricular, extrasensory, extraordinary  |
| fore-  | before  | Forecast, forelimb,  |
| hyper-  | too much  | hyperactive, hypersensitive  |
| il-, im-, in-, ir-  | not, opposite of  | illogical, impossible, indistinct, irrational  |
| in-, im- | movement to, in  | input, inset, intake, implant, import  |
| inter- | between, connected  | interrelated, interact  |
| intra- | within  | intra-generational, intramuscular  |
| kilo-  | thousand  | kilogram, kilometer, kilowatt  |
| macro-  | large  | macroeconomics, macro-scale  |
| mal-  | bad, badly  | malfunction, malpractice  |
| micro-  | small  | micro-economics, micro-scale  |
| mid-  | middle  | midway, midsummer  |
| mis- | wrongly, incorrect  | mistake, mistranslate, misunderstanding  |
| mono-  | one  | mono-centric, monoculture  |
| multi- | many  | multicultural, multi-level  |
| neo-  | something old in new form  | Neoclassical,  |
| non-  | not  | non-believer, non-competitive, nonsense  |
| out-  | more, to a great extent  | outnumber, outlive, outburst, outrage  |
| over- | over, above, too much  | overlook, overcook, overhead, overheat  |
| post- | after  | post-examination, post-modern, post-independence  |
| pre-  | before  | pre-industrial, preview, pre-war, pre-independence  |
| pro-  | in favour of  | pro-feminist, pro-liberal, proactive  |
| pseudo-  | false,  | pseudo-intellectual, pseudo-science  |
| quasi- | almost, not quite  | quasi-academic, quasi-legal  |
| re- | again  | rediscover, redefine, rename, return, rejuvenate  |
| retro-  | backwards  | retrogressive, retrospective  |
| semi- | partly, half  | semicircle, semi-organic, semi-precious, semifinals  |
| sub-  | part of something, under, beneath  | subway, submarine, subsection  |
| super-  | above or bigger  | superpower, supersonic, superstar  |
| trans-  | across  | transcontinental, transcribe, transport, transit  |
| ultra-  | extreme  | ultra-sensitive, ultrasound, ultramodern  |
| un- | not  | unusual, uncertain, unusual, unscrew, unplug, unfriendly  |
| under- | under, beneath, insufficient  | underpower, underemployed, undersea  |
| well-  | useful, successful  | well-designed, well-written. well-established  |

**Suffixes**:

A suffix is an affix **added to the end of the word** to change its class or function in a sentence.

**A list of the most common suffixes**

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| **Suffix**  | **Meaning**  | **Example**  |
| -al, ial  | has property of  | personal, partial, legal,  |
| -ant  | having an effect  | disinfectant, coolant, accelerant  |
| –based  | performing a major part of  | computer-based, oil-based, genetic-based  |
| –cy  | state or quality  | accuracy, literacy, urgency,  |
| -ed  | past tense of verb  | turned, ruined, cooked, cleaned  |
| –ee  | person affected by something  | employee, interviewee, trainee, addressee  |
| -en  | made of, being made  | golden, broaden, lighten  |
| -er  | comparative  | higher, lighter, sooner, later  |
| -er  | one who perform or do something  | doer, painter, singer, performer  |
| -est  | superlative  | slightest, lightest, best, biggest  |
| –free  | without  |  carefree, debt-free, pain-free  |
| –ful  | full of  | grateful, forgetful, fearful, careful, joyful  |
| –hood  | condition, period, state  | childhood, brotherhood, adulthood, motherhood  |
| –ic  | having property of  | linguistic, photographic, electric, democratic, heroic  |
| –ics  | study of  | genetics, electronics, aeronautics  |
| –ify  | giving quality to something  | defy, clarify, purify, solidify, classify  |
| –ing  | present participle  | cooking, dancing, running  |
| –ism  | behavior or belief  | nationalism, liberalism, modernism, heroism  |

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| **Practice 1**  | **Practice 2** |
| **Add the correct prefix to change the meaning:**  | **Add the correct suffix to change the word class:**  |
| **content**  |  |  | **believe**  |  |  |
| **satisfied**  |  |  | **care**  |  |  |
| **happy**  |  |  | **pure**  |  |  |
| **name**  |  |  | **beauty**  |  |  |
| **way**  |  |  | **class**  |  |  |
| **star**  |  |  | **fear**  |  |  |
| **certain**  |  |  | **employ**  |  |  |
| **behave**  |  |  | **person**  |  |  |
| **respect**  |  |  | **amaze**  |  |  |
| **essential**   |  |  | **distract**  |  |  |