**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 | |

**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** |  |  |