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Prefixes & Suffixes

Remember this:

A prefix is a letter or a group of letters placed at the beginning of a word, and it changes the meaning.

Words	Prefixes
1. normal	abnormal
2. like	dislike
3. literate	illiterate
4. teacher	ex-teacher
5. legal	illegal
6. possible	impossible
7. tolerant	intolerant
8. polite	impolite
9. expensive	inexpensive
10. relevant	irrelevant
11. stop	non-stop
12. responsible	irresponsible
13. weigh	out-weigh
14. crowded	over crowded
15. school	pre-school
16. reliant	self reliant
17. fair	unfair
18. wear	under-wear
19. mature	immature
20. grateful	ungrateful
21. reliable	unreliable
22. patient	impatient
23. legible	illegible
24. experienced	inexperienced
25. write	re-write
26. number	out number
27. use	mis-use
28. advantage	disadvantage
29. operate	cooperate
30. expensive	inexpensive
31. behave	misbehave
32. large	enlarge
33. rich	enrich
34. virus	anti-virus
35. polite	impolite
36. paid	under-paid
37. able	unable
38. nuclear	anti-nuclear
39. satisfied	dissatisfied
40. understand	mis-understand
41. honest	dishonest
42. motivate	demotivate
43. lucky	unlucky
44. pilot	co-pilot
45. appear	disappear
46. healthy	unhealthy

A suffix is a word or a group of letters added to the end of a word and changes the grammatical form of the word.

Words	Suffixes
1. history	historical
2. refuse	refusal
3. appear	appearance
4. arrive	arrival
5. wise	wisdom
6. children	childish/ childhood
7. differ	difference
8. hunger	hungry
9. thirst	thirsty
10. beauty	beautiful
11. science	scientific
12. creative	creativity
13. free	freedom
14. assist	assistance
15. depart	departure
16. achieve	achievement
17. diverse	diversity
18. care	careless/ careful
19. decide	decision
20. pollute	pollution
21. difficult	difficulty
22. available	availability
23. meaning	meaningless/ ful
24. suit	suitable
25. revolution	revolutionary
26. education	educational
27. finance	financial
28. art	artistic
29. rely	reliable
30. friend	friendship
31. illiterate	illiteracy
32. unemployed	unemployment
33. job	jobless
34. home	homeless
35. discriminate	discrimination
36. describe	description
37. integrate	integration
38. inform	information
39. assist	assistance
40. prevent	prevention
41. success	successful
42. know	knowledge
43. geography	geographical
44. improve	improvement
45. destroy	destruction
46. environment	environmental

EXERCISE 1 Match these prefixes with their meanings.

1. re	a. before
2. un	b. reverse action
3. pre	c. again
4. super	d. former
5. ex	e. greater

EXERCISE 2 Add the correct suffix to these words.

involve - differ – discriminate - imagine – attend
ignore – manage – unemployed – reside- pollute
violent – governor – develop- explain – addict

…..ment	……ence/….ance	……tion
- _____	- _____	- _____
- _____	- _____	- _____
- _____	- _____	- _____
- _____	- _____	- _____
- _____	- _____	- _____

EXERCISE 3 Give the correct prefix to the words in brackets.

1. You should (write)_____your essay.
2. Can you (play)_____that music track?
3. Mark is an (dependent)_____businessman.
4. The advantages (number)_____the drawbacks.
5. (legal)_____immigration is a serious problem.
6. It's (safe)_____to walk alone in the woods.
7. Some students are (responsible)_____nowadays.
8. You (understood)_____what she told you.
9. I was (satisfied)_____with your last performance.
10. He is (comfortable)_____in that room.

EXERCISE 4 Give the correct suffix to the words in brackets.

1. Smoking is (harm)_____to your health.
2. He left school because of (finance)_____problems.
3. Cathy is a (gift)_____student in this school.
4. Associations should help (home)_____people.
5. Some (job)_____people suffer from poverty.
6. It's his (responsible)_____to find a solution.
7. (Prevent)_____is better than cure.
8. For more (inform)_____, contact the manager.
9. The little boy over there needs (assist)_____ .
10. These (history)_____monuments are ancient.

EXERCISE 5 Complete the following chart.

Verbs	Adjectives	Nouns
1. benefit	- _____	- _____
2. create	- _____	- _____
3. differentiate	- _____	- _____
4. rely	- _____	- _____
5. succeed	- _____	- _____
6. strengthen	- _____	- _____
7. accept	- _____	- _____

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EXERCISE 1 Give the correct form of the words in brackets: Prefixes (5Pts)

1. Parents should teach their children to be (dependent) _____ after they get their BAC.
2. The boss didn't accept him because he was an (experienced) _____ journalist.
3. The teacher said, "(Write) _____ this essay because you made a lot of mistakes."
4. M'barek is an (literate) _____ person; he doesn't know how to read or write.
5. I (agree) _____ with you. English is the most spoken language in the world.
6. Facebook is an (national) _____ social network; most people are using it worldwide.
7. Barak Oubama is now the (president) _____ of the United States.
8. Morocco is making great efforts to fight (legal) _____ immigration.
9. Jad is an (mature) _____ student; sometimes, he acts childish in front of his mates.
10. "Your answer to the question is (correct) _____ ; try again," the teacher said.

EXERCISE 2 Give the correct form to the words in brackets : Suffixes (5Pts)

1. "Sarah is more (beauty) _____ than her sister," Mr. White said.
2. Brain drain is the (emigrate) _____ of genius people to other countries.
3. The secretary told her colleagues, "Our relationship is based on (friend) _____ , not love."
4. This car is (economy) _____ . Besides, it's very cheap.
5. Some environmentalists argue that (industry) _____ factories shouldn't be built here.
6. Memories of (child) _____ are unforgettable; they are tattooed in our minds.
7. Martha is always a (lie) _____ ; she never tells the truth to her parents.
8. This is not a (gold) _____ ring ; it was just made of a mixture of silver and iron.
9. Angela Merkel is a good example of a (success) _____ woman in the political domain.
10. This book gives a full (describe) _____ of the Moroccan culture.

EXERCISE 3 Put the words in brackets in the correct form adding the right prefix or suffix or both. (10Pts)

1. He is a (care) _____ taxi driver. That's why, he made a lot of accidents.
2. The jury didn't accept the candidates who didn't have (art) _____ talents.
3. Today, it's (sun) _____ in Marrakesh, but (wind) _____ and (rain) _____ in Casablanca.
4. Because of the sudden (dark) _____ , the referee stopped the match yesterday.
5. "Your first attempt was (success) _____ ; try again tomorrow," the coach said.
6. The two vice-presidents signed an (agree) _____ to help each other in the future.
7. Some people in the street are (job) _____ and (home) _____ .
8. Please, don't use my (person) _____ computer without my permission.
9. You need to be (care) _____ when you take this pot. It's made of glass.
10. Villager women mostly suffer from (literate) _____ and (ignore) _____ .
11. You can touch this dog. It's (harm) _____ ; it never bites.
12. Madam Nelson is a (child) _____ woman; that's why, she adopted that kid.
13. It's (use) _____ to shout in this desert; no one can ever hear you.
14. It's (necessity) _____ to change your password from time to time.
15. I don't like Mark because he is a (self) _____ and (child) _____ boy.

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