

## PREFIX/SUFFIX

### What is a Prefix?

A **prefix** is a group of letters added to the **BEGINNING** of a root word or another prefix.

*Example:*

**tr**iangle

**Prefixes have meanings of their own.**

*Example:*

The prefix *anti-* means against

### What is a Suffix?

A **suffix** is  
another su

*Exam*  
harm

**Suffixes h**

*Example:*

The suffix *-logy* means the study of

**When you add a suffix to a word, you may change the part of speech too.**

*Examples:*

to please = a verb

I like to please my teachers and do well in class.

pleasure = noun

It is my pleasure to be your friend.

pleasant = adjective

It is a pleasant day.



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When you add a prefix or suffix to a word, you **CHANGE** the meaning of that word.

*Examples:*

I like to eat cherries. - means you enjoy eating cherries

I dislike eating cherries. - means you do NOT enjoy eating cherries

### Try This!

The prefix \_\_\_\_\_ is:

- a) not
- b) again
- c) wrong

If you **mis**

- a) don't judge them
- b) judge them wrongly
- c) judge them again

Which of these **prefixes** do you add to the word **moral** to mean 'not moral'?

- a) un-
- b) im-
- c) il-
- d) in-

When the suffix **-er** is added to the word **happy**, what is the correct spelling?

- a) hapier
- b) hapyer
- c) happier
- d) happyer

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