

Common Prefixes

A prefix is a part-word added to the beginning of another word to change its meaning.

anti- against, opposed to anti-government

dis- not dishonest, disobey

pro- for, supporting pro-government

re- to do again reorganize, reunite

self- acted upon/by self self-declared, self-appointed

un- not unusual, unhappy

Common Suffixes

A suffix is a part-word added to the end of a word to change its meaning.

These four may be added to a word to mean the person or thing that does the action suggested by the word.

-ist art > artist

-er paint > painter

-or act > actor

-ant serve > servant

These five can change a verb into a noun closely related to the verb.

-ment agree > agreement

-age marry > marriage

-tion protect > protection

-sion invade > invasion

-ing I like to read > I like reading

This suffix can change some nouns into adjectives,

-ful

care > careful

wonder > wonderful

and this one can change some adjectives into nouns.

-ness willing > willingness