



LESSON NOTES

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Strand	Writing and Shaping
Sub Strand	Language features and rules
Content Learning Outcome	Use appropriate affixes to complete sentences as well as correct word forms.

AFFIXES

Prefixes and Suffixes

Prefixes and suffixes are sets of letters that are added to the beginning or end of another word. They are not words in their own right and cannot stand on their own in a sentence: if they are printed on their own they have a hyphen before or after them.

Prefixes

Prefixes are added to the beginning of an existing word in order to create a new word with a different meaning. For example:

word	prefix	new word
<u>happy</u>	un-	<u>unhappy</u>
<u>cultural</u>	multi-	<u>multicultural</u>
<u>work</u>	over-	<u>overwork</u>
<u>space</u>	cyber-	<u>cyberspace</u>
<u>market</u>	super-	<u>supermarket</u>

Suffixes

Suffixes are added to the end of an existing word. For example:

word	suffix	new word
<u>child</u>	-ish	<u>childish</u>
<u>work</u>	-er	<u>worker</u>
<u>taste</u>	-less	<u>tasteless</u>
<u>idol</u>	-ize/-ise	<u>idolize/idolise</u>
<u>like</u>	-able	<u>likeable</u>

The addition of a suffix often changes a word from one word class to another. In the table above, the verb *like* becomes the adjective *likeable*, the noun *idol* becomes the verb *idolize*, and the noun *child* becomes the adjective *childish*.

Word creation with prefixes and suffixes

Some prefixes and suffixes are part of our living language, in that people regularly use them to create new words for modern products, concepts, or situations. For example:

word	prefix or suffix	new word
<u>security</u>	bio-	<u>biosecurity</u>
<u>clutter</u>	de-	<u>declutter</u>
<u>media</u>	multi-	<u>multimedia</u>
<u>email</u>	-er	<u>emailer</u>

Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Example word
dis-	not, opposite of	disagree
in-, im-	not	incorrect, impossible
mis-	incorrectly	misunderstand
re-	again	redo (do again)
un-	not	uninteresting
under-	below, lower, not enough	underwater

Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Example word
-able, -ible	able to be	terrible

-ful	full of	beautiful
-less	not having, without	toothless

Noun Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Example word
-dom	place or state of being	freedom
-er	a person who does	worker
-ment	action or process	payment
-ness	state of being	happiness

Exercise A: Prefixes (24 marks)

Complete the sentences by writing the correct prefix in the blank space. **dis-** **-in**

mis- **re-** **un-** **under-**

1. I just can't believe it! The story is _____ believable!
2. No, that answer is _____ correct. It is wrong.
3. Let's look at this information again. We should _____ view it before the test.
4. I saw Allison just a moment ago, but now I can't find her! It seems that she _____ appeared!
5. Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't hear you correctly. I _____ understood you.
6. The subway does not go over the land like a normal train. It moves _____ ground.

Exercise B: Adjective suffixes

Complete the sentences by writing the correct suffix in the blank space.

-able **-ful** **-less**

1. The first woman is very tired. She wants to rest!
The second woman cannot stay still. She always wants to move! She is rest _____.
2. The first dog isn't cute. He's a little scary! The
second dog is very cute! He's ador _____!
3. Jason writes a lot of lists, so he always remembers what he has to do. He never forgets! But Melanie can't
remember anything! She's very forget _____!

Exercise C: Noun suffixes

-dom **-er** **-ment** **-ness**

1. I teach Science in a big university. I am a physics teach _____.
2. Sir Alan is King Richard's best knight. He is brave and strong. He is the most important knight in Richard's
whole king _____!
3. Henrietta is my best friend. She is wonderful! The best thing about her is her kind _____.
She is always so nice to people!
4. The kids always have fun together. They never disagree or have an argu _____.

Prefixes and suffixes

Prefixes

1. Committal - _____
2. Appropriate - _____
3. Incentive - _____
4. Economical - _____
5. Necessary - _____
6. Religious - _____
7. Accessible - _____
8. Similar - _____
9. Polite - _____
10. Agreeable - _____
11. Legitimate - _____