

Grade 4 English Language Arts

Week of October 13 – October 16

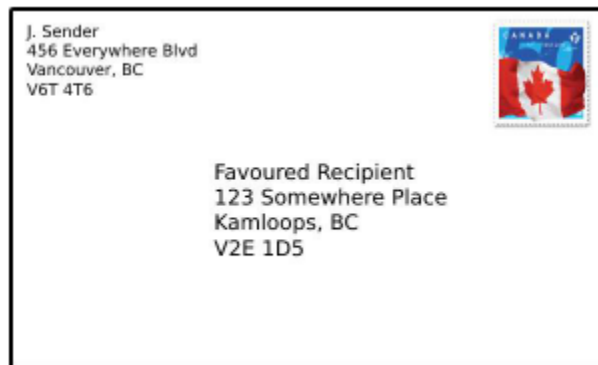
Lesson 4: Affixes

This section is all about **affixes**! But what *are* affixes?

Well, the word affix itself actually means to **stick, attach, or fasten to something else**.

For example:

He licked the stamp and **affixed** it to the envelope.



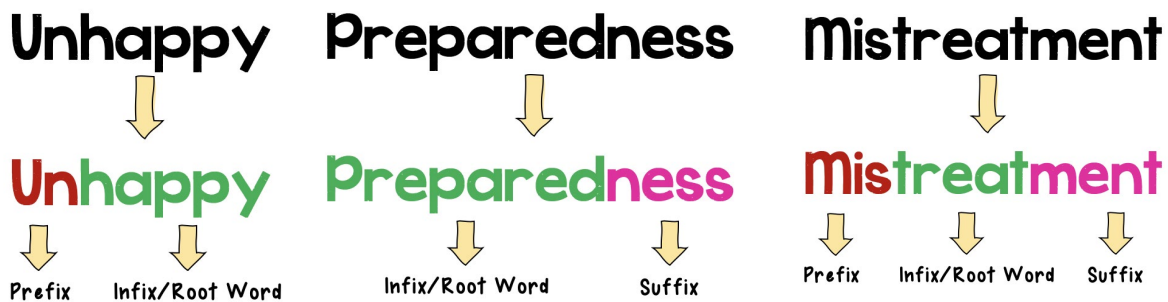
Affixes in linguistics are little pieces that are added to an **Infix (root word)** in order to change its meaning.

- If an affix is placed before the infix/root word, it is called a Prefix.
- If an affix is placed after the infix/root word, it is called a Suffix.

Infix

An infix is just a fancy word for **Root Word**. It is the main word.

Prefixes and suffixes are attached to the infixes.



Prefix

Added to the beginning of a base word, changing the meaning of the word.

Below you will find a table of prefixes, take note these are more prefixes than the ones in this table, these are simply examples.

Sometimes prefixes are attached to the word using **hyphens**.

Usually, prefixes are attached directly to the word, but here are a few exceptions:

Anti-

Anti-climactic
Anti-racism
Anti-bullying

Ex-

Ex-convict
Ex-boyfriend
Ex-wife

Self-













Self-made
Self-service
Self-acceptance

Prefix	Meaning	Example
Dis-	Not	Dishonest
Un-	Not	Uneven
In-	Not	Incorrect
Il-	Not	Illiterate
Ir-	Not	Irresponsible
Non-	Not	Nonsense
Re-	Again	Redo
Pre-	Before	Pregame
Multi-	Many	Multicoloured

Suffix

A suffix is added to the end of a base word and changes the meaning of it.

Below you will find a table of suffixes, take note these are more suffixes than the ones in this table, these are simply examples.

Suffix	Meaning	Example	Picture
-er	More	Faster	
-er	A person who	Carpenter	
-er	Action or process	Shouter	
-ful	Full of	Colourful	
-less	Without	Sleepless	
-ly	In a certain way	Slowly	
-y	Full of	Sleepy	
-ness	State or condition	Sadness	
-able	Capable of	Flammable	
-ing	Now	Smiling	
-est	Most	Brightest	
-ology	The study of	Zoology	

Complete the following:

1. Nonsense

The highlighted part of the word is a:

- a. Infix
- b. Prefix
- c. Suffix

2. Unevenly

The highlighted part of the word is a:

- a. Infix
- b. Prefix
- c. Suffix

3. Disown

The highlighted part of the word is a:

- a. Infix
- b. Prefix
- c. Suffix

4. Plentiful

The highlighted part of the word is a:

- a. Infix
- b. Prefix
- c. Suffix