



The Most Frequent Prefixes and Suffixes in English

Rank	PREFIX	% of all prefixed words	SUFFIX	% of all Suffixed Words
1.	un-	26	-s, -es	31
2.	re-	14	-ed	20
3.	in-, im-, il-, ir- (not)	11	-ing	14
4.	dis-	7	-ly	7
5.	en-, em-	4	-er, -or (agent)	4
6.	non-	4	-ion, -yion, -ation, -ition	4
7.	in-, im- (in)	3	-able, -ible	3
8.	over-	3	-al, -ial	1
9.	mis-	3	-y	1
10.	sub-	3	-ness	1
11.	pre-	3	-ity, -ty	1
12.	inter-	3	-ment	1
13.	fore-	3	-ic	1
14.	de-	2	-ous, -eous, -ious	1
15.	trans-	2	-en	1
16.	super-	1	-er (comparative)	1
17.	semi-	1	-ive, -ative, -tive	1
18.	anti-	1	-ful	1
19.	mid-	1	-less	1
20.	under- (too little)	1	-est	1

Treasure Hunt!



Treasure Hunter:

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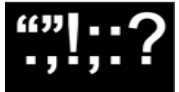
Directions

1. Look for words during your vacation to add to the grow lists in this booklet. You can find them in your pleasure reading, newspapers, magazines, and even on signs in stores!
2. Write each new word you find on its list (see all the lists inside).
3. Tally each list of words you find to keep track of your total number of words for prefixes and suffixes.

Total Treasure Chest

Page	Prefix	Suffix	Total
3	re/un		
4	pre/bi		
5	mis/dis		
6		er/est	
7		ful/____	
8			
9			
10			
11			
TOTAL TREASURES FOUND			

Language



L4 Language Standard in the
Common Core Standards grades K-12

Prefixes

Example: _____

Example: _____

Meaning:

Meaning:

1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
5.		5.	
6.		6.	
7.		7.	
8.		8.	
9.		9.	
10.		10.	
TOTAL			TOTAL

Prefixes

pre--
Example: preschool

bi--
Example: bicep

Meaning:

Meaning:

1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
5.		5.	
6.		6.	
7.		7.	
8.		8.	
9.		9.	
10.		10.	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

Prefixes

Example: _____

Example: _____

Meaning:

Meaning:

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Prefixes

Example: _____

Example: _____

Meaning:

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8.		8.	
9.		9.	
10.		10.	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

Prefixes

re--

Example: replay

un--

Example: undone

Meaning:

Meaning:

1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
5.		5.	
6.		6.	
7.		7.	
8.		8.	
9.		9.	
10.		10.	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

Suffixes

--er

Example: softer

--est

Example: softest

Meaning:

Meaning:

1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
5.		5.	
6.		6.	
7.		7.	
8.		8.	
9.		9.	
10.		10.	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

Suffixes

--ful

Example: wondertful

Example: _____

Meaning:

Meaning:

1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
5.		5.	
6.		6.	
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Prefixes

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Meaning:

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TOTAL		TOTAL	

Prefixes

mis--

Example: misunderstood

dis--

Example: dislike

Meaning:

Meaning:

1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
4.		4.	
5.		5.	
6.		6.	
7.		7.	
8.		8.	
9.		9.	
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