

UNIT-2

Vocabulary and Comprehension

1. Prefixes and Suffixes for Foreign Language in English:

One method of understanding the meanings of new words is to analyze the different parts of the word and the meanings of those parts. Many new words are formed by adding an affix to the beginning or end of a Latin or Greek root or root word. When affixes are added to the beginning of roots or root words, they are called prefixes. For example, the most common prefix is *un-*, which means not or opposite of. If you add *un-* to the word happy, the new word becomes unhappy, which means not happy. When affixes are added to the end of roots or root words, they are called suffixes. The most common suffixes are *-s* and *-es*, which mean more than one (or the plural) of the word. Adding *-es* to wish, changes the meaning of the word to more than one wish.

Many English words are formed by taking basic words and adding combinations of prefixes and suffixes to them. A basic word to which affixes (prefixes and suffixes) are added is called a rootword because it forms the basis of a new word. The root word is also a word in its own right. For example, the word lovely consists of the word love and the suffix *-ly*.

In contrast, a root is the basis of a new word, but it does not typically form a stand-alone word on its own. For example, the word reject is made up of the prefix *re-* and the Latin root *ject*, which is not a stand-alone word.

Prefix

A prefix is a group of letters placed before the root of a word. For example, the word "unhappy" consists of the prefix "un-" [which means "not"] combined with the root (stem) word "happy"; the word "unhappy" means "not happy."

Suffix

A suffix is a group of letters placed after the root of a word. For example, the word flavorless consists of the root word "flavor" combined with the suffix "-less" [which means "without"]; the word "flavorless" means "having no flavor."

Suffixes and Prefixes

Suffixes	Examples	Prefixes	Examples
-able	Adorable, Comfortable	A-	Asexual, Apathy
-al	Historical, Sensational	Anti-	Antibiotic, Antisocial
-ance	Resistance, Importance	Bi-	Bilingual, Bipolar
-ation	Exploration, Presentation	Co-	Coexist, Cooperation
-ed	Fulfilled, Interested	De-	Deactivate, Defrost
-er	Teacher, Writer	Dis-	Disapprove, Dislike
-est	Biggest, Fastest	En-	Encourage, Enlighten
-ful	Beautiful, Careful	Ex-	Exhale, Expose
-ian	Musician, Magician	Fore-	Foresee, Forefront
-ible	Accessible, Irresistible	In-	Incomplete, Insecure
-ing	Running, Singing	Inter-	Interact, Interfere
-ion	Decision, Connection	Mis-	Misunderstand,
-ish	Childish, Foolish	Non-	Nonfiction, Nonexistent
-ism	Capitalism, Activism	Over-	Overcome, Overwhelm
-ist	Scientist, Artist	Pre-	Preapprove, Precede
-ive	Talkative, Attractive	Re-	Rebuild, Reconsider
-ize	Organize, Recognize	Sub-	Submarine, Submerge
-less	Fearless, Homeless	Trans-	Transform, Transatlantic
-logy	Biology, Psychology	Un-	Unhappy, Unlikely
-ment	Development	Under-	Underestimate
-ness	Happiness, Sadness	Up-	Upgrade, Uphold
-ous	Courageous, Delicious	With-	Withdraw, Withhold
-ship	Leadership, Friendship	Auto-	Autopilot, Automobile

Common Latin Roots

Latin Root	Definition	Example
ambi	both	ambiguous, ambidextrous
aqua	water	aquarium, aquamarine
aud	to hear	audience, audition
bene	good	benefactor, benevolent
cent	one hundred	century, percent
circum	around	circumference, circumstance
contra/counter	against	contradict, encounter
dict	to say	dictation, dictator
duc/duct	to lead	conduct, induce
fac	to do; to make	factory, manufacture
form	shape	conform, reform
fort	strength	fortitude, fortress
fract	break	fracture, fraction
ject	throw	projection, rejection
jud	judge	judicial, prejudice
mal	bad	malevolent, malefactor
mater	mother	maternal, maternity
mit	to send	transmit, admit
mort	death	mortal, mortician
multi	many	multimedia, multiple
pater	father	paternal, paternity
port	to carry	portable, transportation
rupt	to break	bankrupt, disruption
scrib/script	to write	inscription, prescribe
sect/sec	to cut	bisect, section
sent	to feel; to send	consent, resent
spect	to look	inspection, spectator
struct	to build	destruction, restructure
vid/vis	to see	televise, video
voc	voice; to call	vocalize, advocate

Common Greek Roots

Greek Root	Definition	Example
anthropo	man; human; humanity	anthropologist, philanthropy
auto	self	autobiography, automobile
bio	life	biology, biography
chron	time	chronological, chronic
dyna	power	dynamic, dynamite
dys	bad; hard; unlucky	dysfunctional, dyslexic
gram	thing written	epigram, telegram
graph	writing	graphic, phonograph
hetero	different	heteronym, heterogeneous
homo	same	homonym, homogenous
hydr	water	hydration, dehydrate
hyper	over; above; beyond	hyperactive, hyperbole
hypo	below; beneath	hypothermia, hypothetical
logy	study of	biology, psychology
meter/metr	measure	thermometer, perimeter
micro	small	microbe, microscope
mis/miso	hate	misanthrope, misogyny
mono	one	monologue, monotonous
morph	form; shape	morphology, morphing
nym	name	antonym, synonym
phil	love	philanthropist, philosophy
phobia	fear	claustrophobia, phobic
photo/phos	light	photograph, phosphorous
pseudo	false	pseudonym, pseudoscience
psycho	soul; spirit	psychology, psychic
scope	viewing instrument	microscope, telescope
techno	art; science; skill	technique, technological
tele	far off	television, telephone
therm	heat	thermal, thermometer

2. Synonyms:

Different words which have the same meaning (or similar meaning) are called synonyms. Words which have an opposite meaning are called antonyms. Words that are synonyms are referred to as being synonymous, and the state of being a synonym is called synonymy.

List of Synonyms

1. Action

- Come - advance, approach, arrive, near, reach
- Go - depart, disappear, fade, move, proceed, recede, travel
- Run - dash, escape, elope, flee, hasten, hurry, race, rush, speed, sprint
- Hurry - rush, run, speed, race, hasten, urge, accelerate, bustle
- Hide - conceal, cover, mask, cloak, camouflage, screen, shroud, veil
- Move - plod, go, creep, crawl, inch, poke, drag, toddle, shuffle, trot, dawdle, walk, traipse, mosey, jog, plug, trudge, slump, lumber, trail, lag, run, sprint, trip, bound, hotfoot, high-tail, streak, stride, tear, breeze, whisk, rush, dash, dart, bolt, fling, scamper, scurry, skedaddle, scoot, scuttle, scramble, race, chase, hasten, hurry, hump, gallop, lope, accelerate, stir, budge, travel, wander, roam, journey, trek, ride, spin, slip, glide, slide, slither, coast, flow, sail, saunter, hobble, amble, stagger, paddle, slouch, prance, straggle, meander, perambulate, waddle, wobble, pace, swagger, promenade, lunge
- Do - execute, enact, carry out, finish, conclude, effect, accomplish, achieve, attain
- Have - hold, possess, own, contain, acquire, gain, maintain, believe, bear, beget, occupy, absorb, fill, enjoy
- Use - employ, utilize, exhaust, spend, expend, consume, exercise
- Get - acquire, obtain, secure, procure, gain, fetch, find, score, accumulate, win, earn, rep, catch, net, bag, derive, collect, gather, glean, pick up, accept, come by, regain, salvage
- Keep - hold, retain, withhold, preserve, maintain, sustain, support
- Put - place, set, attach, establish, assign, keep, save, set aside, effect, achieve, do, build
- Take - hold, catch, seize, grasp, win, capture, acquire, pick, choose, select, prefer, remove, steal, lift, rob, engage, bewitch, purchase, buy, retract, recall, assume, occupy, consume

- Make - create, originate, invent, beget, form, construct, design, fabricate, manufacture, produce, build, develop, do, effect, execute, compose, perform, accomplish, earn, gain, obtain, acquire, get
- Break - fracture, rupture, shatter, smash, wreck, crash, demolish, atomize
- Destroy - ruin, demolish, raze, waste, kill, slay, end, extinguish
- Kill - slay, execute, assassinate, murder, destroy, cancel, abolish
- Cut - gash, slash, prick, nick, sever, slice, carve, cleave, slit, chop, crop, lop, reduce
- Fall - drop, descend, plunge, topple, tumble
- Fly - soar, hover, flit, wing, flee, waft, glide, coast, skim, sail, cruise
- Decide - determine, settle, choose, resolve
- Help - aid, assist, support, encourage, back, wait on, attend, serve, relieve, succor, benefit, befriend, abet
- Mark - label, tag, price, ticket, impress, effect, trace, imprint, stamp, brand, sign, note, heed, notice, designate
- Plan - plot, scheme, design, draw, map, diagram, procedure, arrangement, intention, device, contrivance, method, way, blueprint
- Show - display, exhibit, present, note, point to, indicate, explain, reveal, prove, demonstrate, expose

2. Antonyms

- Begin - start, open, launch, initiate, commence, inaugurate, originate
- End - stop, finish, terminate, conclude, close, halt, cessation, discontinuance, cease, halt, stay, pause, discontinue, conclude, finish, quit
- Big - large, enormous, huge, immense, gigantic, vast, colossal, gargantuan, sizable, grand, great, tall, substantial, mammoth, astronomical, ample, broad, expansive, spacious, stout, tremendous, titanic, mountainous
- Little - small, tiny, diminutive, shrimp, runt, miniature, puny, exiguous, dinky, cramped, limited, itty-bitsy, microscopic, slight, petite, minute
- New - fresh, unique, original, unusual, novel, modern, current, recent
- Old - feeble, frail, ancient, weak, aged, used, worn, dilapidated, ragged, faded, broken-down, former, old-fashioned, outmoded, passe, veteran, mature, venerable, primitive, traditional, archaic, conventional, customary, stale, musty, obsolete, extinct

- False - wrong, fake, fraudulent, counterfeit, spurious, untrue, unfounded, erroneous, deceptive, groundless, fallacious, incorrect, inaccurate, mistaken, erroneous, improper, unsuitable
- True - right, accurate, proper, precise, exact, valid, genuine, real, actual, trustworthy, steady, loyal, dependable, sincere, staunch, correct, accurate, factual, true, good, just, honest, upright, lawful, moral, proper, suitable, apt, legal, fair
- Fast - quick, rapid, speedy, fleet, hasty, snappy, mercurial, swiftly, rapidly, quickly, snappily, speedily, lickety-split, posthaste, hastily, expeditiously, like a flash
- Slow - unhurried, gradual, leisurely, late, behind, tedious, slack
- Cool - chilly, cold, frosty, wintry, icy, frigid
- Hot - feverish, warm, heated, sweltering, torrid, equatorial, tropical, erotic, passionate, spicy, peppery, pungent, sharp tangy, tart, fiery, flaming, sizzling, charged, burning, seared, chafed, inflamed, irritated, red, smarting, stinging
- Quiet - silent, still, soundless, mute, tranquil, peaceful, calm, restful, hushed, inaudible
reticent, reserved, taciturn, secretive, uncommunicative, tightlipped
- Noisy - loudly, earsplitting, stentorian, strident, clamorous, boisterous, clangorous, deafening, roisterous, uproarious, pandemoniac
- All - complete, entire, full, gross, outright, perfect, total, utter, whole, any, complete, every, sum, totality, each and every, every bit of, bar none, every single, everything, everyone
- None - nothing, nobody, no one, zero, zilch, no one at all, no part, not a bit, not a soul, not a thing, not any, not anyone, not anything, not one, nonexistent, null nadir, nil, naught, void, nada, blank, nix
- Normal - daily, traditional, familiar, routine, proper, ordinary, typical, everyday, usual, commonplace, natural, classic, standard, general, bona fide, established, habitual, orthodox, prevalent, run-of-the-mill, time-honored, unvarying, average, conventional, customary, common, regular, garden-variety, household, plain, simple, balanced
- Strange - abnormal, aberrant, anomalous, bent, bizarre, deviant, queer, eccentric, freakish, fanatical, odd, eerie, peculiar, weird, unorthodox, nonstandard, atypical, different, irregular, nonconforming, offbeat, unusual, extraordinary, insane, irrational, disorderly, rare, exceptional, extreme, outlandish

3. Descriptive

- Describe - portray, characterize, picture, narrate, relate, recount, represent, report, record
- Difference - disagreement, inequity, contrast, dissimilarity, incompatibility
- Explain - elaborate, clarify, define, interpret, justify, account for
- Idea - thought, concept, conception, notion, understanding, opinion, plan, view, belief
- Look - gaze, see, glance, watch, survey, study, seek, search for, peek, peep, glimpse, stare, contemplate, examine, gape, ogle, scrutinize, inspect, leer, behold, observe, view, witness, perceive, spy, sight, discover, notice, recognize, peer, eye, gawk, peruse, explore
- Story - tale, myth, legend, fable, yarn, account, narrative, chronicle, epic, sage, anecdote, record, memoir
- Tell - disclose, reveal, show, expose, uncover, relate, narrate, inform, advise, explain, divulge, declare, command, order, bid, recount, repeat
- Think - judge, deem, assume, believe, consider, contemplate, reflect, mediate

4. Feelings

- Anger - enrage, infuriate, arouse, nettle, exasperate, inflame, madden
- Angry - mad, furious, enraged, excited, wrathful, indignant, exasperated, aroused, inflamed
- Calm - quiet, peaceful, still, tranquil, mild, serene, smooth, composed, collected, unruffled, level-headed, unexcited, detached, aloof
- Eager - keen, fervent, enthusiastic, involved, interested, alive to
- Fear - fright, dread, terror, alarm, dismay, anxiety, scare, awe, horror, panic, apprehension
- Happy - pleased, contented, satisfied, delighted, elated, joyful, cheerful, ecstatic, jubilant, gay, tickled, gratified, glad, blissful, overjoyed
- Hate - despise, loathe, detest, abhor, disfavor, dislike, disapprove, abominate
- Love - like, admire, esteem, fancy, care for, cherish, adore, treasure, worship, appreciate, savor
- Moody - temperamental, changeable, short-tempered, glum, morose, sullen, mopish, irritable, testy, peevish, fretful, spiteful, sulky, touchy
- Sad - miserable, uncomfortable, wretched, heart-broken, unfortunate, poor, downhearted, sorrowful, depressed, dejected, melancholy, glum, gloomy, dismal, discouraged, unhappy
- Scared - afraid, frightened, alarmed, terrified, panicked, fearful, unnerved, insecure, timid, shy, skittish, jumpy, disquieted, worried,

vexed, troubled, disturbed, horrified, terrorized, shocked, petrified, haunted, timorous, shrinking, tremulous, stupefied, paralyzed, stunned, apprehensive

5. Negative

- Awful - dreadful, terrible, abominable, bad, poor, unpleasant
- Bad - evil, immoral, wicked, corrupt, sinful, depraved, rotten, contaminated, spoiled, tainted, harmful, injurious, unfavorable, defective, inferior, imperfect, substandard, faulty, improper, inappropriate, unsuitable, disagreeable, unpleasant, cross, nasty, unfriendly, irascible, horrible, atrocious, outrageous, scandalous, infamous, wrong, noxious, sinister, putrid, snide, deplorable, dismal, gross, heinous, nefarious, base, obnoxious, detestable, despicable, contemptible, foul, rank, ghastly, execrable
- Crooked - bent, twisted, curved, hooked, zigzag
- Dangerous - perilous, hazardous, risky, uncertain, unsafe
- Dark - shadowy, unlit, murky, gloomy, dim, dusky, shaded, sunless, black, dismal, sad
- Dull - boring, tiring, tiresome, uninteresting, slow, dumb, stupid, unimaginative, lifeless, dead, insensible, tedious, wearisome, listless, expressionless, plain, monotonous, humdrum, dreary
- Fat - stout, corpulent, fleshy, beefy, paunchy, plump, full, rotund, tubby, pudgy, chubby, chunky, burly, bulky, elephantine
- Gross - improper, rude, coarse, indecent, crude, vulgar, outrageous, extreme, grievous, shameful, uncouth, obscene, low
- Hurt - damage, harm, injure, wound, distress, afflict, pain
- Lazy - indolent, slothful, idle, inactive, sluggish
- Predicament - quandary, dilemma, pickle, problem, plight, spot, scrape, jam
- Trouble - distress, anguish, anxiety, worry, wretchedness, pain, danger, peril, disaster, grief, misfortune, difficulty, concern, pains, inconvenience, exertion, effort
- Ugly - hideous, frightful, frightening, shocking, horrible, unpleasant, monstrous, terrifying, gross, grisly, ghastly, horrid, unsightly, plain, homely, evil, repulsive, repugnant, gruesome

6. Positive

- Amazing - incredible, unbelievable, improbable, fabulous, wonderful, fantastic, astonishing, astounding, extraordinary
- Beautiful - pretty, lovely, handsome, attractive, gorgeous, dazzling, splendid, magnificent, comely, fair, ravishing, graceful, elegant, fine, exquisite, aesthetic, pleasing, shapely, delicate, stunning, glorious, heavenly, resplendent, radiant, glowing, blooming, sparkling
- Brave - courageous, fearless, dauntless, intrepid, plucky, daring, heroic, valorous, audacious, bold, gallant, valiant, doughty, mettlesome
- Bright - shining, shiny, gleaming, brilliant, sparkling, shimmering, radiant, vivid, colorful, lustrous, luminous, incandescent, intelligent, knowing, quick-witted, smart, intellectual
- Delicious - savory, delectable, appetizing, luscious, scrumptious, palatable, delightful, enjoyable, toothsome, exquisite
- Enjoy - appreciate, delight in, be pleased, indulge in, luxuriate in, bask in, relish, devour, savor, like
- Famous - well-known, renowned, celebrated, famed, eminent, illustrious, distinguished, noted, notorious
- Funny - humorous, amusing, droll, comic, comical, laughable, silly
- Good - excellent, fine, superior, wonderful, marvelous, qualified, suited, suitable, apt, proper, capable, generous, kindly, friendly, gracious, obliging, pleasant, agreeable, pleasurable, satisfactory, well-behaved, obedient, honorable, reliable, trustworthy, safe, favorable, profitable, advantageous, righteous, expedient, helpful, valid, genuine, ample, salubrious, estimable, beneficial, splendid, great, noble, worthy, first-rate, top-notch, grand, sterling, superb, respectable, edifying
- Great - noteworthy, worthy, distinguished, remarkable, grand, considerable, powerful, much, mighty
- Mischievous - prankish, playful, naughty, roguish, waggish, impish, sportive
- Neat - clean, orderly, tidy, trim, dapper, natty, smart, elegant, well-organized, super, desirable, spruce, shipshape, well-kept, shapely
- Popular - well-liked, approved, accepted, favorite, celebrated, common, current

7. Talk / Speech

- Answer - reply, respond, retort, acknowledge
- Ask - question, inquire of, seek information from, put a question to, demand, request, expect, inquire, query, interrogate, examine, quiz
- Cry - shout, yell, yowl, scream, roar, bellow, weep, wail, sob, bawl

- Say/Tell - inform, notify, advise, relate, recount, narrate, explain, reveal, disclose, divulge, declare, command, order, bid, enlighten, instruct, insist, teach, train, direct, issue, remark, converse, speak, affirm, suppose, utter, negate, express, verbalize, voice, articulate, pronounce, deliver, convey, impart, assert, state, allege, mutter, mumble, whisper, sigh, exclaim, yell, sing, yelp, snarl, hiss, grunt, snort, roar, bellow, thunder, boom, scream, shriek, screech, squawk, whine, philosophize, stammer, stutter, lisp, drawl, jabber, protest, announce, swear, vow, content, assure, deny, dispute
- Mean (Something) - add up to, affect, be important, be of value, be substantive, carry weight, connote, count, denote, express, imply, intend, involve, signify, spell, stand for, suggest, value, weigh in,

8. Unsorted

- Somewhat - a little, sort of, kind of, a bit, relatively, slightly, moderately, to some extent / degree, reasonably, partially, more or less, not much rather, quite, fairly, by a long shot, by far, rather, significantly, well
- Somehow - in a way, virtually, to a certain extent, in some measure, to some extent, to a certain degree, quasi, in a manner of speaking, effectively anyhow, anyway, anywise, by hook or by crook, another, howsoever, in any way, somehow or other, someway, by some means
- Definite - certain, sure, positive, determined, clear, distinct, obvious
- Fair - just, impartial, unbiased, objective, unprejudiced, honest
- Important - necessary, vital, critical, indispensable, valuable, essential, significant, primary, principal, considerable, famous, distinguished, notable, wellknown
- Interesting - fascinating, engaging, sharp, keen, bright, intelligent, animated, spirited, attractive, inviting, intriguing, provocative, thought-provoking, challenging, inspiring, involving, moving, titillating, tantalizing, exciting, entertaining, piquant, lively, racy, spicy, engrossing, absorbing, consuming, gripping, arresting, enthralling, spellbinding, curious, captivating, enchanting, bewitching, appealing
- Part - portion, share, piece, allotment, section, fraction, fragment
- Place - space, area, spot, plot, region, location, situation, position, residence, dwelling, set, site, station, status, state

3. Antonyms:

An antonym is the opposite of another word. Antonyms can be used to show contrast between two things or give clues to exactly what is meant.

Below are some examples of antonyms:

1. **idle** - busy
2. **illegal** - lawful
3. **imaginary** - real
4. **import** - export
5. **imprison** - free
6. **include** - exclude
7. **lead** - follow
8. **left** - right
9. **careful** - careless
10. **catch** - throw
11. **beginning** - end
12. **beg** - offer
13. **stay** - go
14. **stop** - go
15. **straight** - crooked
16. **in** - out
17. **inside** - outside
18. **joy** - grief
19. **kind** - mean
20. **king** - queen
21. **knowledge** - ignorance
22. **known** - unknown
23. **large** - small
24. **last** - first
25. **laugh** - cry
26. **lazy** - industrious
27. **admit** - deny
28. **advance** - retreat
29. **stranger** - friend
30. **strengthen** - weaken

31. **strong** - weak
32. **summer** - winter
33. **sun** - moon
34. **sweet** - sour
35. **beneath** - above
36. **best** - worst
37. **bitter** - sweet
38. **black** - white
39. **borrow** - lend
40. **bottom** - top
41. **boy** - girl
42. **brave** - scared
43. **break** - fix
44. **wet** - dry
45. **cease** - begin
46. **certain** - uncertain
47. **cheerful** - sad
48. **city** - country
49. **closed** - open
50. **cold** - hot
51. **above** - below
52. **absent** - present
53. **abundant** - scarce
54. **accept** - refuse
55. **accidental** - intentional
56. **accurate** - incorrect
57. **increase** - decrease
58. **heavy** - light
59. **hide** - show
60. **after** - before

61. **against** - for
62. **ahead** - behind
63. **all** - none
64. **always** - never
65. **antique** - modern
66. **asleep** - awake
67. **attack** - defend
68. **aunt** - uncle
69. **authentic** - imitation
70. **awake** - asleep
71. **bad** - good
72. **bald** - hairy
73. **beautiful** - ugly
74. **brother** - sister
75. **buy** - sell
76. **drunk** - sober
77. **dry** - wet
78. **hungry** - full
79. **husband** - wife
80. **combine** - separate
81. **comedy** - tragedy
82. **reward** - punishment
83. **right** - wrong
84. **rough** - smooth
85. **south** - north
86. **spend** - save
87. **start** - finish
88. **stationary** - movable
89. **sweet** - sour
90. **swift** - slow

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