

Mastering Prefixes and Suffixes with Pip the Bookworm

Unlock the power of words! Grow your vocabulary by adding bits to the beginning and end.

- A prefix is a group of letters added to the start of a root word to change its meaning, such as 'dis-' in 'disagree'.
- A suffix is a group of letters added to the end of a root word, often changing the word class, such as turning the adjective 'happy' into the noun 'happiness'.
- The prefix 're-' means to do something again, like 'revisit' or 'rebuild'.
- The suffix '-less' means 'without', which is why a 'fearless' explorer is someone without any fear.
- When adding a suffix that starts with a vowel to a word ending in 'y', we often change the 'y' to an 'i', like 'happy' becoming 'happier'.

Did you know? Did you know? The longest word in the ELA language that doesn't repeat a letter is 'uncopyrightable'! By taking the root word 'copy' and adding the prefix 'un-' and the suffix '-able', we can create brand new meanings.

Key vocabulary: Prefix · Suffix · Root word · Dis- · Re- · Un- · -ful · -less · -ment · -ness