

Eastside Literacy Tutor Support
Handout for Students: Common **Prefixes & Suffixes**

Prefix	Meaning	Examples	Suffix	Meaning	Examples
un-	not	unhappy	-able, -ible, -ble	capable of being	portable
re-	again	repaint	-al	possessing the quality	of musical, medical
in-, im-, il-, ir-	not	inaccurate	-ance, -ence	state, condition, quality of	occurrence, resistance
dis-	not	disappear	-ate	to make	designate, punctuate
en-, em-	put into	encase	-ation, -tion	condition or act of	creation, imagination
non-	not	nonsense	-dom	state or condition	freedom, kingdom
in-, im-	in	inside	-ee	recipient of an action	employee, referee
over-	excessive	overeats	-en	to make	lighten, ripen
mis-	bad	misidentify	-en	made of	wooden, golden
sub-	below	subzero	-er, -or	person who, thing which	teacher, inspector
pre-	before	prearrange	-ess	female	princess, actress
inter-	between	interurban	-ful	having the characteristic	cheerful
fore-	earlier	forefathers	-fy	to make	falsify, verify, testify
de-	reverse	deconstruct	-hood	state, condition	childhood, neighborhood
trans-	across	transatlantic	-ic, -ical	quality or condition of	archaic, musical
super-	above	superscript	-ious, -ous	like, full of	joyous, various
semi-	half	semisweet	-ish	like, somewhat, partly	childish, reddish
anti-	opposite	antifreeze	-ism	action, state, condition	capitalism, realism
mid-	middle	midhigh	-ist	person who	capitalist, realist
under-	too little	underweight	-ize	to make	modernize, synthesize
			-less	without, lacking	useless, penniless
			-ly	like, in the manner of	slowly, quickly, kindly
			-ness	state, condition	happiness, loneliness
			-ogy, -ology	science, study of	biology, archaeology
			-ship	quality, state, office, skill	friendship, leadership
			-ward	in the direction of	eastward, homeward