

Reading Seminar

Affixes

There are three different word parts that are used to construct words:

1. Prefixes
2. Roots
3. Suffixes

These are called Affixes.

If you know the meaning of the individual parts, you can figure out the meaning of a word.

PREFIXES

A **prefix** is placed at the beginning of a word to modify or change its meaning.

Pre=before

Example:

Remove - Re = prefix
Move = root word

Root Words

A **root, or root word**, is a word that does not have a prefix (in front of the word) or a suffix (at the end of a word). The **root word** is the primary unit of a word.

The only part that can ever stand alone is the root.

Example:

Remove - Re = prefix
Move = root word

Suffixes

A **suffix** is a word ending.

Example:

Loudly - Loud = root word
ly = suffix

- Move = root only
- Remove = Prefix + Root
- Movable = Root + Suffix
- Removable = Prefix + Root + Suffix

(Helpful Tip)

Prefix – Root – Suffix

(remember alphabetical order – PRS)