Affixes

According to Merriam –Webster an affix is one or more sounds or letters occurring as a bound form attached to the beginning or end of a word base or phrase or inserted within a word or base and serving to produce a derivative word or an inflectional form .

There are two types of affixes

**1-prefixes** occurs at the beginning of a word . it change the meaning of a word ( it gives the opposite of a word )

Here are some prefixes that we add to words to change the meaning in this way

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| **Prefixes (initial** | Words ( root) | Meaning |
| **il** | **il**legal | Against the law |
| **im** | **im**possible | Not possible |
| **ir** | **Ir**regular  **ir**responsible | Not regular  Not responsible |
| **un** | **Un**healthy  **Un** ethical | Not healthy  Not ethical |
| **In** | **In**active  **in**correct | Not active  Not correct |
| **dis** | **Dis**honest  **dis**agree | Not honest |

**2- suffixes** occurs at the end of a word . these suffixes often form adjectives .

Here are some suffixes

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| suffixes | Root | Suffixes |
| er | Write | Writ**er** |
| ist | terror | terror**ist** |
| ness | happy | happiness |
| tion | Communicate  creat | Communication  Creation |
| ment | develop | development |
| al | E²thic | ethical |
| ship | freind | friendship |