

6th Grade Prefix, Suffix and Root Word List

Prefix	Meaning	Example
1. a, ab, abs	away, from	absent, abstain
2. ad, a, ac, an	to, toward	adhere, annex, accelerate, adapt
3. bi, bis	two	bicycle, biped, bisect
4. circum	around	circumference
5. com, con	together, with	combination, connect
6. de	opposite, from, away	detract, defer, demerit
7. dis, dif, di	apart, not	disperse, different
8. epi	upon, on top of	epicenter
9. equi	equal	equality, equitable
10. un (pronounced uhn)	not	unhappy, unsuccessful, uncomfortable
Root	Meaning	Example
1. bas	low	basement, basic, basal
2. cap, capt	take, seize	capture, capable, captive
3. cred	believe	Credible
4. dict	speak	predict, verdict, dictator
5. duc, duct	lead	conduct, conductor, aqueduct
Suffix	Meaning	Example
1. -able, -ible	able to	useable, convertible, renewable, permeable,
2. -er, -or	one who does	competitor, spectator, teacher, preacher, firefighter, lawyer
3. -fy	to make	dignify, specify, clarify, verify, mortify
4. -ism	the practice of	Catholicism, capitalism, communism
5. -ist	one who is occupied with	environmentalist, therapist

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7th Grade Prefix, Suffix and Root Word List

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11. hyper	over, above	hyperactive, hypersensitive
12. hypo	under, beneath	hypodermic, hypothyroid
13. in	in, into, not	inject, insert, incorrect
14. inter	between, among	intercede, interject, interpret
15. mal, male	bad, ill	malpractice, malevolent
16. mis	wrong	mistake, misunderstand
17. mono	alone, single, one	monotone, monopoly
18. non	not	nonsense, nonproductive
19. ob	in front of, against	obvious
20. omni	everywhere, all	omnipresent, omnipotent
Root	Meaning	Example
11. fac, fact	make, do	factory, manufacture
12. graph	write	autograph, graphic, biography, paragraph, autobiography
13. log	word, study of	analogy, biology, monologue, geology
14. mort	die, death	mortal, mortician, immortal, mortality
15. scrib, script	write	transcribe, subscription, prescription, scribble, description
Suffix	Meaning	Example
6. -less	without, lacking	meaningless, worthless
7. -logue, -log	a particular kind of speaking or writing	prologue, dialogue, monologue, prologue
8. -ness	the quality of	aggressiveness, kindness
9. -ship	the art or skill of	sportsmanship, leadership
10. -tude	the state of	solitude, altitude

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19. ob	in front of, against	obvious
20. omni	everywhere, all	omnipresent, omnipotent
21. preter	past, beyond	preternatural
22. pro	forward	proceed, promote
23. re	again, back	recall, recede, review
24. retro	backward, behind, back	retroactive, retrograde
25. se	apart	secede, separate, segregate
26. sub	under	subway, submarine, submerge
27. super	greater, beyond	supernatural, superstition superfluous
28. trans	across, beyond	transcend, transcontinental, transport
29. un, uni	one	unilateral, unity, unicycle, unicorn, uniform, unite,
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10. scribe, script	write	transcribe, subscription, prescription, scribble, description
11. spec, spect	see	specimen, aspect, spectator, inspector, spectacular
12. tact	touch	contact, tactile, intact
13. ten	hold	retention, tension, tent, detention, attention
14. therm	heat	thermostat, thermometer, thermos, geothermal
15. ver	true	verify, verdict

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