

Prefixes, Suffixes, and Word Roots
Video Notes

Part A: Root Words

Word Root definition:		
Word Root	Meaning	Example
1. bio		
2. dorm		
3. geo		
4. mech		
5. micro		
6. mob/mot/mov		
7. nov		
8. opt		
9. phobia		
10. phon		

1) Maria is taking a geosystems class.

Geosystems means:

- a) systems in space
- b) systems on earth
- c) systems in the human body

2) Jonathon wants to be an optometrist.

An optometrist is:

- a) children's physician
- b) heart specialist
- c) eye care professional

3) At one time, the automobile was a novel idea.

A novel idea is:

- a) a useful idea
- b) a new idea
- c) an idea from a book

Part B: Prefix

Prefix definition:		
Prefix	Meaning	Example
1. anti-		
2. co/col/con-		
3. dis-		
4. ex-		
5. il/im/un-		
6. mis-		
7. pre-		
8. re-		
9. sub-		
10. trans-		

1) The teacher predicted that the student would make an A.

Predicted means:

- a) guessed the result before it happened
- b) announced the result quickly
- c) taught the student effectively

2) Subterranean structures are secret from the public.

Subterranean means:

- a) evil or with bad intentions
- b) visible in the city
- c) underground

3) It was difficult to extricate the small pieces of metal from the liquid.

Extricate means:

- a) to distinguish or see the difference
- b) to take out
- c) to stop completely

Part C: Suffix

Suffix definition:			
Suffix	Part of Speech	Meaning	Example
1. -able			
2. -full			
3. -ic/ical			
4. -ness			
5. -ive			
6. -ize			
7. -less			
8. -ly			
9. -ous			
10. -sion/tion			

1) Erosion of soil harms the landscape.

The part of speech of erosion is:

- a) verb
- b) adjective
- c) noun

2) We walked briskly.

The part of speech of briskly is:

- a) verb
- b) adverb
- c) adjective

3) The man knew he could aggrandize his home value by redesigning the kitchen.

The part of speech of aggrandize is:

- a) verb
- b) adverb
- c) adjective