

Word formation

Word formation as “creating new words from existing words,” word-formation ranges from prefixation and suffixation (where it overlaps with inflectional morphology in the use of bound morphemes). In [linguistics](#) (particularly [morphology](#) and [lexicology](#)), *word formation* refers to the ways in which new [words](#) are formed on the basis of other words or [morphemes](#). This is also known as *derivational morphology*.

1/ Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
anti	Against	antisocial, antiviral, antibiotic
auto	of or by oneself	autobiography, autograph, autopilot
Bi	two, +twice	bilingual, biannual, bimonthly
Ex	former	ex-wife, ex-president
Ex	out	extract, excommunicate
Micro	small	microscopic, microcomputer
Mis	badly/wrongly	misunderstand, mistranslate
Mono	one/single	monologue, monotonous
Multi	many	multinational, multiracial
Over	too much	overdo, overcook
Post	after	postgraduate, post-war
Pro	in favour of	pro-government, pro-revolutionary
Sub	under	subway, subdivision
Pseudo	false	pseudo-scientific, pseudo-intellectual

Under	not enough	undercooked,underestimate
Re	again or back	replace, retype
Semi	half	semi-final, semi-detached

2/ Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Example
able ,ible	ability	readable, invisible
al, ial		normal, industrial
ful	full of	beautiful, peaceful
ic		classic, economic
Ical		political, alphabetical
Ish		British, foolish
ive, ative		active, alternative
less	Without	timeless, endless
eous, ious, ous	having qualities of	spontaneous, ambitious, famous
Y		angry, busy
Age		wreckage
Ance	a state	importance
Ant	a person	assistant
Ery	a type of place of work	bakery
Ism	a belief, condition	judaism
Ist	a person	florist

Task : Add the correct prefix or suffix to the word in parenthesis to complete the sentence.

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His support gives the case _____ (legitimate).

The lesson is full of mistakes, we will have to _____ (write) it.

Jane is the most _____ (grace) dancer in the group.

The situation is not as _____ (help) as you think. There are some options.

My son is much more _____ (responsible) than my daughter. He never does his homework.

I might not like it, but I don't _____ (approve).

To me, there is nothing worse than _____ (bore).

Dogs are great for those looking for _____ (companion).

She has a very _____ (regular) work schedule. Some weeks she works mornings, other weeks she works nights.

Correctionn :

1.legitimate 2. Rewrite 3.graceful 4.helpless 5. Irresponsibile

6.disapprove 7.boredone 8.companionship 9.irregular