

**Word of the Week**

**tumultuously** (tū məl' chə wəs lē) *adv.*, in a wild and disorderly manner

*The crowd reacted tumultuously as the senator took the stage.*

The word *tumultuously* contains two suffixes: *-ous*, meaning "possessing the qualities of," and *-ly*, meaning "in such a way." The word root *tumult* means "uproar." When you put these word parts together, you can conclude that *tumultuously* means "in such a way as possessing the qualities of an uproar."

**Tip** Some suffixes change a word's tense or part of speech.

EXAMPLES run + *-ing* = running  
talk + *-ed* = talked

**Tip** For more information on word parts, see Language Arts Handbook 2.2, Breaking Words Into Base Words, Word Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes.

**LESSON 7**

**Word Parts (Prefixes, Suffixes, and Word Roots)**

**Understand the Concept**

In previous lessons, you learned about morphemes, or word parts. Knowing word parts will help you understand the meanings of new words that you encounter. Remember that the main part of a word is its **word root**. A **prefix** is added before a word root (*un-*, *pre-*, and *inter-*), and a **suffix** is added at the end of a word root (*-ous*, *-ly*, and *-able*). Word parts help to create the words you use every day. The chart below provides examples of a few common prefixes and suffixes, their meanings, and examples of how they are used. Try to become familiar with these examples so you can use them to uncover the meanings of words you do not know.

Prefix/Suffix	Meaning	Examples
<i>-ate</i>	make or cause to be	fixate, activate
<i>circum-</i>	around; about	circumnavigate, circumstance
<i>de-</i>	opposite; remove; reduce	devalue, delouse
<i>-ed</i>	past tense of verb	called, relied, confused
<i>-est</i>	most	tallest, lowest
<i>-ful</i>	full of	helpful, gleeful, woeful
<i>hyper-</i>	too much; too many; extreme	hyperactive, hyperbole
<i>-ify / -fy</i>	make or cause to be	vilify, magnify, glorify
<i>-ion / -tion</i>	action or process	revolution, occasion
<i>mis-</i>	wrongly	misfire, misread, mislead
<i>over-</i>	excessive	overdone, overload, overkill
<i>re-</i>	again; back	redo, recall, recycle
<i>trans-</i>	across; beyond	transatlantic, transcend
<i>under-</i>	below or short of a quantity or limit	underestimate, underpay
<i>-ward / -wards / -ways / -wise</i>	in such a direction	toward, sideways, crosswise, onward

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Word Root	Meaning	Example
<i>bene</i>	good	benefit, benefactor, beneficial
<i>dem / demo</i>	people	demographic, democrat, democracy
<i>fer</i>	carry	refer, confer, defer
<i>flect / flex</i>	bend	deflect, flexible, reflex
<i>scrib / script</i>	write	description, prescription
<i>ver</i>	truth	verdict, veracity, verifiable
<i>vid / vis</i>	see	visual, video, vision

## Try It Yourself

### EXERCISE A

Read the following sentences. Identify the word parts you find in each sentence by placing them in the proper columns of the chart that follows.

1. Mahlia is the craziest girl I know.
2. It was a mistake to overload the car.
3. Do not underestimate the new script.
4. The transfer student could not defrost the window.
5. I wanted to see my reflection to verify that my hair looked nice.

Prefixes	Suffixes	Word Roots

### EXERCISE B

In your notebook, break each of the following words into its morphemes (prefixes, suffixes, and word roots). Then make three new words with each part.

EXAMPLE *reappearance*  
*re-*: reaction, reread, revise  
*appear*: disappear, appearing, reappear  
*-ance*: disturbance, performance, instance

1. invaluable
2. exported
3. inconsiderateness
4. overstatement
5. disability

**Tip** Remember that a word root is a word part other than a prefix or a suffix. Some word roots can stand alone, even without a prefix or suffix attached to them. These types of word roots are often called **base words**.

EXAMPLES *star*: superstar  
*stop*: unstoppable

### Just for Fun

Make a list that contain five prefixes, five suffixes and five word roots. Get together with a partner and exchange your lists. See how many words you can come up with that contain at least one of the word parts. Give yourself a point each time you use any of the listed word parts. The partner with the most points wins.