



Boise School District

Prefix, Suffix, and Root Word Master List

For Grades 1-6

Grade 1

Prefixes

None

Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Key Word	Origin	Treasures Correlation
-ed	past-tense verbs	hopped	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 2, Week 1 Unit 3, Week 1, 4 Unit 5, Week 4
-er	comparative	higher	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 4, Week 1 Unit 5, Week 2
-est	comparative	biggest	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 4, Week 1 Unit 5, Week 2
-ing	verb form/present participle	running	Latin	Unit 2, Week 3 Unit 3, Week 1
-s	more than one	books	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 1, Week 1, 2
-es	more than one	boxes	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 3, Week 3 Unit 4, Week 5
-y	characterized by	funny	Latin	Unit 5, Week 1
-ful	full of	careful	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 6, Week 2
-less	without	fearless	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 6, Week 2

Grade 2 (Review all affixes from previous grades)

Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Key Word	Origin	Treasures Correlation
re-	again	return	Latin	Unit 3, Week 3
un-	not	unfriendly	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 3, Week 3
dis-	not, opposite of	disagree	Latin	Unit 3, Week 3

Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Key Word	Origin	Treasures Correlation
-ed	past-tense verbs	hopped	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 1, Week 1, 4
-er	comparative	higher	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 2, Week 1
-est	comparative	biggest	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 2, Week 1
-ing	verb form/present participle	running	Latin	Unit 1, Week 1, 4
-s	more than one	books	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 1, Week 1, 5
-es	more than one	boxes	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 1, Week 1, 5
-ful	full of	careful	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 3, Week 1
-less	without	fearless	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 3, Week 1

Grade 3 (Review all affixes from previous grades)

Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Key Word	Origin	Treasures Correlation
de-	opposite	defrost	Latin	supplemental resources
dis-	not, opposite of	disagree	Latin	Unit 6 – Week 2 (re-, dis-, un, pre-)
in- im-	not	injustice impossible	Latin	supplemental resources

Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Key Word	Origin	Treasures Correlation
-er	comparative	higher	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 4 – Week 5
-er -or	one who	worker actor	Anglo-Saxon	supplemental resources
-est	comparative	biggest	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 4 - Week 5
-ful	full of	careful	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 6 – Week 4
-ist	one who	artist	Anglo-Saxon	supplemental resources
-ly	characteristic of	quickly	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 4 – Week 2 Unit 6 – Week 4
-ness	state of, condition of	kindness	Anglo-Saxon	supplemental resources
-s -es	more than one	books boxes	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 5 – Week 2
-y	characterized by	funny	Latin	Unit 6 – Week 4

Grade 4 (Review all affixes from previous grades)

Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Key Word	Origin	Treasures Correlation
dis-	not, opposite of	disagree	Latin	Unit 6, Week 3
in- im-	in	infield implode	Latin	supplemental resources
mis-	wrongly	misfire	Latin	Unit 6, Week 3
un-	not	unfriendly	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 6, Week 3

Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Key Word	Origin	Treasures Correlation
-ful	full of	careful	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 6, Week 4
-less	without	fearless	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 6, Week 4
-ly	characteristic of	quickly	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 6, Week 4
-ment	action or process	enjoyment	Anglo-Saxon	supplemental resources
-ness	state of, condition of	kindness	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 6, Week 4

Grade 5 (Review all affixes from previous grades)

Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Key Word	Origin	Treasures Correlation
anti-	against	antifreeze	Latin	supplemental resources
extra-	outside	extravagant	Latin	supplemental resources
inter-	between	interact	Latin	supplemental resources
mid-	middle	midway	Latin	supplemental resources
semi-	half	semicircle	Latin	supplemental resources
sub-	under	submarine	Latin	supplemental resources
pre-	before	prefix	Latin	Unit 5, Week 3
in-	in	infield	Latin	Unit 5, Week 3
uni-	one	unicorn	Latin	Unit 6, Week 4
bi-	two	bicycle	Latin	Unit 6, Week 4
tri-	three	triangle	Latin	Unit 6, Week 4
cent-	hundred	century	Latin	Unit 6, Week 4

Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Key Word	Origin	Treasures Correlation
-ion -tion -ation -ition	act, process	attraction attention information partition	Latin	Unit 5, Week 5
-ist	one who	artist	Anglo-Saxon	supplemental resources
-ous -eous -ious	possessing the qualities of	joyous arboreous furious	Latin	supplemental resources
-able -ible	can be done	comfortable collectible	Latin	Unit 6, Week 5
-ence -ance	state or condition	absence brilliance	Latin	Unit 4, Week 5

Grade 5 (continued)

Common Latin Roots

Root	Meaning	Key Word	Treasures Correlation
aud	hear	audible	Unit 6, Week 2
equi	equal	equitable	supplemental resources
fig	form	figure	supplemental resources
ject	throw	reject	supplemental resources
migr	move	migrate	supplemental resources
port	carry	porter	Unit 6, Week 2
spect	look	inspect	Unit 6, Week 2
vid/vis	see	video/visible	supplemental resources
voc	voice	vocal	supplemental resources
mit miss	send	transmit mission	Unit 6, Week 2

Common Greek Roots

Root	Meaning	Key Word	Treasures Correlation
biblio	book	bibliography	supplemental resources
geo	earth	geology	supplemental resources
graph	write, record	autograph, photograph	supplemental resources
meter	measure	altimeter	supplemental resources
mono	single	monorail	supplemental resources
ology	study of	biology	supplemental resources
phil	love	philosophy	supplemental resources
sphere	ball	hemisphere	supplemental resources
tele	from afar	telephone	supplemental resources
astr aster	star	asteroid astronaut	Unit 6, Week 1
auto	self	automobile	Unit 6, Week 1
photo	light	photograph	Unit 6, Week 1
tele	far away	telephone	Unit 6, Week 1
phono	sound	phonograph	Unit 6, Week 1
mech	machine	mechanize	Unit 6, Week 1
myth	fictitious	mythology	Unit 6, Week 1

Grade 6 (Review all affixes from previous grades)

Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Key Word	Origin	Treasures Correlation
de-	opposite	defrost	Latin	supplemental resources
dis-	not, opposite of	disagree	Latin	Unit 4, Week 3
in- im-	in	infield implode	Latin	supplemental resources
non-	not	nonsense	Latin	supplemental resources
over-	over	overlook	Anglo-Saxon	supplemental resources
re-	again	return	Latin	Unit 4, Week 3
trans-	across	transport	Latin	supplemental resources
un-	not	unfriendly	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 4, Week 3
co-	with	coexist	Latin	Unit 6, Week 1
extra-	outside	extravagant	Latin	supplemental resources
con-	with	convene	Latin	Unit 6, Week 1
post-	after	postgraduate	Latin	Unit 6, Week 1
pro-	before	proceed	Latin	Unit 6, Week 1
sub-	below	submarine	Latin	Unit 6, Week 1
out-	exceeds	outstanding	Latin	Unit 4, Week 3
en-	within	energy	Latin	Unit 4, Week 3

Grade 6 (continued)

Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Key Word	Origin	Treasures Correlation
-able -ible	can be done	comfortable collectible	Latin	Unit 5, Week 4
-er -or	one who	worker actor	Anglo-Saxon	supplemental resources
-est	comparative	biggest	Anglo-Saxon	supplemental resources
-ful	full of	careful	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 4, Week 3
-less	without	fearless	Anglo-Saxon	supplemental resources
-ous -ious	possessing the qualities of	joyous furious	Latin	supplemental resources
-ation -ion	action or process	dehydration union	Latin	Unit 3, Week 5 Unit 4, Week 1
-ant -ent	promoting	pleasant accident	Latin	Unit 5, Week 5
-ance -ence	state or condition	brilliance absence	Latin	Unit 5, Week 5
-ive	a tendency towards	passive	Latin	Unit 4, Week 2
-age	a collection or condition	courage	Latin	Unit 4, Week 2
-ize	to become	fossilize	Latin	Unit 4, Week 2
-ment	action or process	punishment	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 4, Week 2
-ician -ist	one who practices	beautician artist	Anglo-Saxon	Unit 6, Week 4

Grade 6 (continued)

Common Latin Roots

Root	Meaning	Key Word	Treasures Correlation
bene	well, good	benefit	supplemental resources
centi	hundred	centipede	supplemental resources
contra	against	contrary	supplemental resources
dict	say, speak	dictate	supplemental resources
duct	lead	conduct	supplemental resources
form	shape	formulate	supplemental resources
fract	break	fracture	supplemental resources
struct	build	construct	supplemental resources

Common Greek Roots

Root	Meaning	Key Word	Treasures Correlation
auto	self	automatic	Unit 5, Week 3
bio	life	biology	Unit 5, Week 3
chron	time	chronology	Unit 5, Week 3
geo	earth	geology	supplemental resources
hemi	half	hemisphere	supplemental resources
macro	large	macroeconomics	supplemental resources
micro	small	microscope	Unit 5, Week 3
mono	single	monorail	supplemental resources
ology logy	study of	biology	Unit 6, Week 4
psych	mind, soul	psychic	supplemental resources
sphere	ball	hemisphere	supplemental resources
tele	from afar	telephone	supplemental resources
therm	heat	thermometer	Unit 5, Week 3
graph	to write or draw	pictograph	Unit 5, Week 3