

Learning Zone Retrieval Booklet 5**Prefixes & Suffixes**

A prefix is a letter (or group of letters) added to the beginning of a word.

A suffix is a letter (or group of letters) added to the end of a word.

Activity A

1. Read each definition below and write the missing prefix of word ending.

Tele means 'far away'.

Auto means 'by itself'.

Another word for your signature: auto _____

A long tube with a lens at the end: tele _____

Something that works by itself: auto _____



Another word for a car: auto _____

Something that allows you to speak to someone far away:

Tele _____

Your own life story, written by you: auto _____

Answers:

Autobiography automobile telescope autograph automatic telephone

2. Sometimes a prefix is added to change the meaning of a word. If the prefix 'anti' means 'not', what do you think these words mean?

Anti-ageing _____

Anti-bacterial _____



Anti-freeze _____

Activity B

Complete each of these words by writing the missing suffix at the end. Choose from 'cian' or 'ist'. Then write a definition for each one.



Root word	Root + Suffix	Meaning
Magic	Magician	Someone who performs magic tricks.
Piano		
Chemistry		
Beauty		
Electric		
Music		
Politic		
Biology		

Do you notice any patterns when adding the suffix? Write a rule for adding these two suffixes below:

Activity C

Add the suffix 'er' to change these verbs into nouns.

Complete the table with verbs of your own.

A suffix can change a word from singular to plural, but it can also change a verb into a noun.



Verb	Noun
Sing	
Garden	
Teach	
Climb	
Walk	
Play	



Plenary:

Prefixes & suffixes

Add a prefix before each word to make an opposite. Write the opposite word in full.

Choose from:

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appear _____

clear _____

true _____

loyal _____

do _____

likely _____

agree _____

even _____

honest _____

tidy _____

Write a definition for each of the following words. You can use a dictionary to help if you need to.

Amateur

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Saboteur

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