

Suffixes and Prefixes

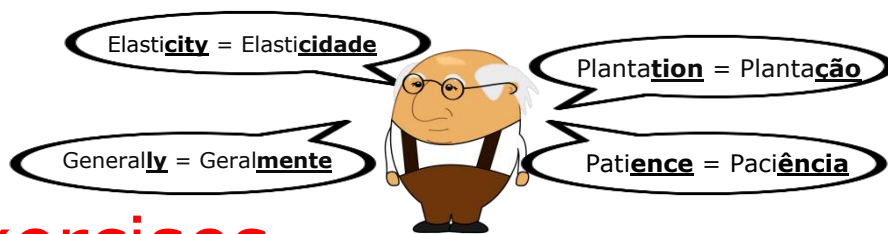
A



SUFFIX	USE	EXAMPLES
ache	Pain	Headache, stomachache, earache, backache
able	Capable of	Comfortable, disputable, deniable, enjoyable
er	Agent, profession	Driver, teacher, player, lawyer, cleaner
er	Comparative	Bigger, taller (more intelligent)
est	Superlative	Biggest, tallest (most intelligent)
ed	Past	Played, watched
ess	Female	Actress, waitress, stewardess
ful	Full of, having some or much	Useful, careful, hopeful
ish	Characteristic, vagueness	Childish, reddish, oldish
less	Lack of	Useless, careless, hopeless, homeless
hood	State, condition, or quality	Neighborhood, childhood, adulthood,
ment	Nouns from verbs	Improvement, agreement, government, treatment, investment
ness	Nouns from adjectives	Greatness, happiness, sadness, darkness
ship	Nouns - different kind of relationship	Friendship, leadership, partnership
ly	"mente" Port. In what manner	Quickly, seriously, badly
wards	Direction of	Towards, backward, forward, inwards
tion	substitua por "ÇÃO"	Information, pollution, violation, distortion
would	substitua por "RIA"	I would play → Eu jogaria I would eat → Eu comeria
ty	substitua por "DADE"	cidade = city / velocidade = velocity / simplicidade = simplicity
ence	substitua por "ÊNCIA"	essência = essence / frequência = frequency


B

PREFIX	USE	EXAMPLES
any	Qualquer, mais abrangente	Anything, anywhere, anyone, anybody
some	Algun, menos abrangente	Sometihng, somewhere, someone, somebody
dis	Apart, not	Discomfort, disagree, disconnect, discard
every	All	Everywhere, everyone, everybody, everything
im	Not	Impolite, imperfect, impossible
in	Not	Indiscreet, invisible
ir	Not	Irregular, irrational
mis	Wrong, apart, not	Misunderstand, misuse, misplace, mispronounce
no	Not	Nowhere, no one, nobody, nothing
re	Do again	Replace, return, repeat, regress
un	Not	Unable, undeniable, unquestionable



Exercises

1) Put the word in brackets into the correct form. You will have to use prefixes and suffixes.

- a) I must go to the dentist, but I am scared because my tooth is so _____. (pain) 
- b) The party was totally _____. It was terrible. (organize)
- c) I think that there has been a _____, I didn't order this. (understand)
- d) He had a _____ car. (green)
- e) Any hesitation on the part of the _____ will be seen as _____. (govern | weak)
- f) I'm not _____ with the idea of leaving her in a strange Village. (comfort)
- g) There was a look of _____ in his eyes. (sad)
- h) It is _____ to point at people. (polite)
- i) She _____ her keys so often, that her secretary used to carry extra ones for her. (place)



2) Complete with the correct suffix and prefix.

- a) It's _____ trying to convince her that she doesn't need to lose any weight. (use)
- b) It would be _____ to have a secretary to deal with all the paperwork. (use)
- c) It's very _____ that they will be late. They are stuck in traffic. (like)
- d) It's _____ to rain today, it's very sunny. (like)
- e) They say that exposure to low level radioactivity is _____. (harm)
- f) It's important to protect your skin from the _____ effects of the sun. (harm)
- g) It's a tragedy that so many young people are _____ to find jobs. (able)
- h) This word is very difficult to spell and it's _____. (pronounce)
- i) These sales figures are a good indication of another _____ year. (profit)
- j) Many of us in the editorial department _____ with the changes that are happening. (agree)
- k) Providing _____ people with _____ to stay when the weather is cold, doesn't solve the problem. (home | where)