

Prefixes

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Many of us that attended government school were not taught that prefixes or word beginnings will increase our vocabulary by changing the definition of a word to form a new word. Yet, not only does grammar teach us about the importance of prefixes, but there is a Christian worldview behind grammar that points us to our Lord.

Week #2

Reminder:

prefix = a letter or group of letters at the beginning of a word

de = down; off/away; undoing action

e.g., **de**emphasize, **de**centralize, **de**face, **de**code, **de**plume, **de**stabilize, **de**value, **de**rail

ex = out; remove; former

e.g., **ex**change, **ex**cavate, **ex**ceed, **ex**cerpt, **ex**-governor, **ex**-professor, **ex**it

il = not

e.g., **il**legal, **il**legible, **il**liberal, **il**limitable, **il**literate, **il**logical, **il**licit, **il**laudable

Flashcards: Cut on the solid lines and fold on the dotted line.

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<p>de -</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>prefix = down; off/away; undoing action</p> <p>e.g., deemphasize, decentralize, deface, decode, deplume, destabilize, devalue, derail</p>
<p>ex -</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>prefix = out; remove; former</p> <p>e.g., exchange, excavate, exceed, excerpt, ex-governor, ex-professor, exit</p>
<p>il -</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt 2002, all rights reserved</p>	<p>prefix = not</p> <p>e.g., illegal, illegible, illiberal, illimitable, illiterate, illogical, illicit, illaudable</p>

de = down; off/away; undoing action

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
de	+	press	=	depress	=	press down
de	+	fend	=	defend	=	fend off
de	+	activate	=	deactivate	=	turn off
de	+	odorize	=	deodorize	=	undo odor
de	+	populate	=	depopulate	=	populate down
de	+	bone	=	debone	=	send bones away

Exercise: Now it is YOUR turn. Verbally or in writing, complete the graph below.

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
de	+	gum	=		=	
de	+	plane	=		=	
de	+	face	=		=	
de	+	throne	=		=	
de	+	louse	=		=	
de	+	train	=		=	
de	+	emphasize	=		=	
de	+	moralize	=		=	
de	+	code	=		=	
de	+	centralize	=		=	
de	+	flute	=		=	
de	+	fog	=		=	
de	+	plume	=		=	
de	+	salt	=		=	
de	+	flower	=		=	
de	+	bar	=		=	
de	+	value	=		=	
de	+	magnetize	=		=	
de	+	foliate	=		=	
de	+	foam	=		=	
de	+	list	=		=	
de	+	humanize	=		=	

ex = out; remove; former

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
ex	+	change	=	exchange	=	change out
ex	+	cavate	=	excavate	=	dig out
ex	+	ceed	=	exceed	=	go out (beyond)
ex	+	cerpt	=	excerpt	=	pull out (words)
ex	+	governor	=	ex-governor	=	former governor
ex	+	wife	=	ex-wife	=	former wife

Exercise: Now it is YOUR turn. Verbally or in writing, complete the graph below.

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
ex	+	claim	=		=	
ex	+	cite	=		=	
ex	+	hilarate	=		=	
ex	+	pand	=		=	
ex	+	plain	=		=	
ex	+	professor	=		=	
ex	+	it	=		=	
ex	+	pound	=		=	
ex	+	patriate	=		=	
ex	+	consule	=		=	
ex	+	ambassador	=		=	
ex	+	mayor	=		=	
ex	+	courtier	=		=	

il = not

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
i	+	legal	=	illegal	=	not legal
i	+	licit	=	dislicit	=	not legal

Exercise: Now it is YOUR turn. Verbally or in writing, complete the graph below.

Prefix	+	Word	=	New Word	=	New Meaning
i	+	legitimate	=		=	
i	+	liberal	=		=	
i	+	limitable	=		=	
i	+	literate	=		=	
i	+	logical	=		=	
i	+	loyal	=		=	
i	+	laudable	=		=	
i	+	legible	=		=	