**Prefix-Suffix-Root List**

**The following lists are not all-inclusive, but most common. They are a minimum students at each grade level should read and understand how to use and apply by the current school year end. Others may be added based on your classroom of students.**

**Prefix** - A word part added to the beginning of a root or base word to create a new meaning,

**Suffix** - A letter or a group of letters added to the end of a root or base word to change its meaning,

**Root** - the form of a word after all affixes are removed

(Generally, prefixes and suffixes change the meanings of roots, but it is usually the suffix that denotes the part of speech.)

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| **5th Grade** | | | | | | |
| **Prefix** | **Suffix** | **Root** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Origin** | **Additional**  **Information** |
| en-, em- |  |  | to cause to be, to put into or onto, to go into or onto | encounter, enable, employ, embark, encircle | Latin |  |
| sub- |  |  | under, beneath, below  secondary | subway, subsoil, substitute | Latin |  |
| fore- |  |  | before, earlier | forearm, foreword | Anglo-Saxon |  |
| semi- |  |  | half | semicircle, semicolon | Latin |  |
| anti- |  |  | opposite, against | antibiotic, antifreeze | Greek |  |
| auto- |  |  | self | autograph, automatic | Greek |  |
| multi- |  |  | many/ much | multicolor, multifamily | Latin |  |
| poly- |  |  | many/ much | polygon, polysyllable | Greek |  |
| deca-  deci- |  |  | ten | decathlon, decade, decimal, decimeter | Latin/ Greek |  |
| kilo- |  |  | 1,000 | kilogram, kilowatt | Greek |  |
| milli-  mille- |  |  | 1,000 | millennium, millimeter | Latin |  |
| centi- |  |  | 100 | centimeter, centipede | Latin |  |
|  | -ion, -tion, -ation,  -ition |  | act of/ state of/ result of | tension, attention, elevation, union | Anglo-Saxon | Usually a noun  The real suffix is –ion. Putting s or t in front of –ion is simply determined by the spelling of the root |
|  | -able  -ible |  | can be done | enjoyable, sensible, likable | Latin | -able ending words have roots that can stand alone.(enjoyable)  -ible ending words have roots that can not stand alone. (sensible) |
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|  | -ive  -ative  -tive |  | inclined/ tending toward an action | festive, talkative, active, sensitive | Latin | Words that end with –de (intrude) change the –de to s then add –ive (intrusive).  Words that end with silent e (create) drop the e then add –ive (creative). |
|  | -logy,  -ology |  | science of/ study of | biology, chronology | Greek |  |
|  | -ence  -ance |  | act/ condition of | persistence, excellence, assistance, importance | Latin | Usually a noun –ence and –ance sound alike because of the schwa. –ence is used somewhat more often than –ance. |
|  | -an, -an |  | one having a certain skill/ relating to/ belonging to | electrician, magician, American, suburban | Latin | Usually a noun |
|  |  | ject | to throw | inject, objection, project | Latin |  |
|  |  | struct | to build | construct, instructor | Latin |  |
|  |  | vis | to see | vision, evidence | Latin |  |
|  |  | vid | see | video, evidence, provide, providence | Latin |  |
|  |  | jur  juris | judge, oath  law | jury, jurisdiction | Latin |  |
|  |  | log  logue | word | prologue, apology, dialogue, eulogy, monologue | Greek |  |
|  |  | path | feeling/ suffering/ disease | apathetic, pathology | Greek |  |
|  |  | ast  astr | star | astronaut, astronomy, disaster, asterisk | Greek |  |
|  |  | mit | to send | emit, transmit, admit, remit | Latin |  |
|  |  | audi (aud) | hear | audience, auditorium, audiovisual | Latin |  |
|  |  | dict | to say, tell | diction, dictator | Latin |  |