

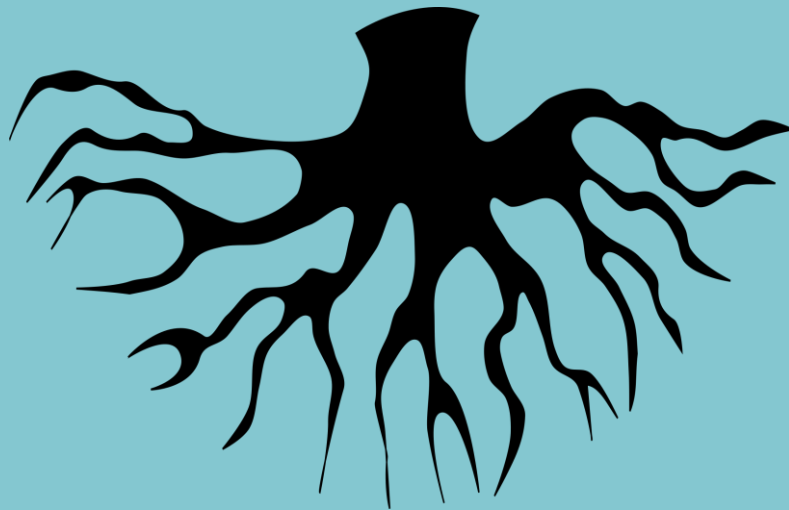
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# ROOT WORD

# Technique

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Increase your English vocabulary with prefixes and suffixes

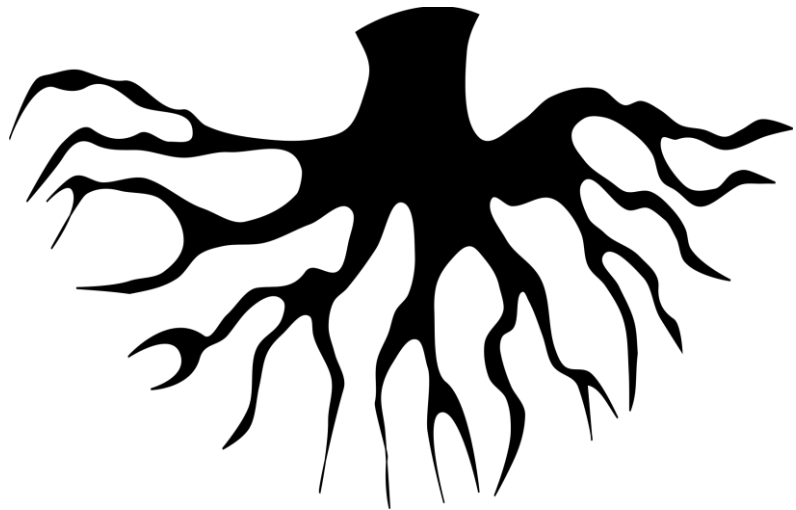


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Let's continue our **ROOT Word** practice. This PDF will introduce 4 prefixes and 3 suffixes that you can use to understand new English words.

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## ***PREFIXES***

**pre** - (in verbs, nouns, and adjectives)  
before

**re** - (in verbs and related nouns,  
adjectives, and adverbs)  
again

**un** - prefix (in adjectives, adverbs, and  
nouns)  
not; the opposite of

**mis** - (in verbs and nouns)  
bad or wrong; badly or wrongly



## **SUFFIXES**

**-able** (in adjectives)  
that can or must be

**-ness** (in nouns)  
the quality, state or character of

**-ing** suffix (this is added to verbs)  
1. Make the present participle  
(adjectives)  
2. Make the gerund (noun)

On the next page is a list of sentences that include one **bold** word. Use the **bold** word in the **root word** *method*. Try writing these words and their meanings in a separate document.  
(Writing helps to remember.)



## New word (Root Word)

**unbelievable** (believe)

*I found the whole story bizarre, it was actually **unbelievable**.*

**undeniable** (deny)

*The link between poverty and bad health is **undeniable**.*

**renewable** (new)

*We should try to use more **renewable** sources of energy such as wind and solar power.*

**freshness** (fresh)

*We guarantee the **freshness** of all our fruits and vegetables.*



**preheat** (heat)

*Let's bake cookies! I'll **preheat** the oven.*

**reusable** (use)

*I try to use a **reusable** metal bottle and not plastic bottles.*

**reimagine** (imagine)

*Many people were unhappy with J.J. Abrahams **reimagining** of the Star Wars series.*

**qualifier** (quality)

*Canada lost it's World Cup **qualifier** match with the U.S.*

**misunderstanding** (understand)

*The meeting is a final chance to clear up any **misunderstandings**.*



This PDF is only a small sample, there are hundreds of different prefixes and suffixes! Now you can use this method to increase your own English vocabulary. Use it to easily find the meaning of new words.

Thanks for letting me help you with your English study and good luck.

*Dave*





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