

Prefixes and Suffixes

The word "intelligent"
means "clever and smart"
but let's see what happens
if we add some letters to the start
Let's add "un"
That makes a new word of its own
Now it says "unintelligent"
and you may or may not know
that that means "not intelligent"
it became its opposite
We can do the same with lots of words
if we're on top of it
just like true to untrue
dressed to undressed
Even to uneven
impressed to unimpressed

"Un" is a prefix
a small part of a word
that can fly like a G6
to the front of a word
and change what that word means
turn "free" into "unfree"
or turn the word "happily"
into the word "unhappily"

Another prefix is "re"
and it means do something again
Take a word like "send"
If you do it again then you "resend"
You can pay and repay
you can try and retry
You can do and redo
apply and reapply

"Re" is a prefix
a small part of a word
that can fly like a G6
to the front of a word
and change what that word means
turn "read" into "reread"
or turn the word "packaging"
into the word "repackaging"

A prefix goes at the start of a word
and there's a long list
some of which you've probably heard
there's pre-, and co-, and re-, and mis-
un-, and sub-, in-, and dis-

The word "strong" means "powerful"
and it can also mean "intense"
But what would happen if
we put some letters on the end
Let's add "est"
Now "strongest" is the word
and it means more strong and more powerful
than anyone of the herd

"Est" is a suffix
Put it on the end of a word like "tough"
and it becomes "toughest"
now it means "the most tough"
and just like "E-S-T"
we can use "I-N-G"
turn "call" into "calling"
and "fall" into "falling"

"Ing" is a suffix
a small part of a word
that can stick like a button
to the end of a word
and change what that word means
Turn "jump" into "jumping"
Turn "blend" into "blending"
and "spend" into "spending"

A suffix goes at the end of a word
and there's a long list
some of which you've probably heard
there's ly-, and ful-, ment-, and ness-
es-, and ing-, and ish-, and less-