\*\*\*These grade level lists, include what is frequently used at each grade level, feel free to add/delete based on your needs.

**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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| **1st Grade** | | | | |
| **Suffix** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Origin** | **Additional**  **Information** |
| -s, -es | plural, more than one | hats, pigs, books, plays, boxes, wishes, dishes cliffs, roofs, beliefs  knives, leaves, halves, selves | Anglo-Saxon | y after a vowel (s)  words end in –s, -sh, -ss, -ch, -x,  -z (-es)  nouns ending –f or –fe (s)  -f or –fe change –f to –v and add –es  consonant followed by –o (-es)  vowel followed by –o (-s) |
| -ing | action/process | helping, skipping, running,  seeing, thinking | Anglo-Saxon | Present participle of verb |
| -ed | past tense | jumped, helped | Anglo-Saxon | Past tense verb |

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| **2nd Grade** | | | | |
| **Prefix** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Origin** | **Additional**  **Information** |
| un- | not/opposite | unlock, unsafe, uncover | Anglo-Saxon |  |
| re- | again/back | reread, rewrite, return | Latin |  |

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| **Suffix** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Origin** | **Additional**  **Information** |
| -er | person connected with, comparative  degree | teacher, writer, baker, bigger, colder, taller | Anglo-Saxon |  |
| -est | superlative  degree | biggest, coldest, tallest | Anglo-Saxon | Usually an adjective |
| -ful | full of | beautiful, painful | Anglo-Saxon | Usually an adjective |
| -less | without | careless, helpless | Anglo-Saxon |  |
| -ly | characteristic  of | badly, friendly, quickly | Anglo-Saxon | Usually an adverb |

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| **3rd Grade** | | | | |
| **Prefix** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Origin** | **Additional**  **Information** |
| in- | not | inactive, income | Latin |  |
| im- | not | impossible, improper, import | Latin | im- used before roots beginning  with b, m, p |
| dis- | not/opposite  of | dislike, distrust, disagree | Latin |  |
| pre- | before | pretest, preplan, premade | Latin |  |
| tele- | far, distant | telephone, telegraph,  television | Greek |  |
| non- | no, not,  without | nonfat, nonfiction, nonsense |  |  |
| re- | again, back,  backward | Rebuild, rebound, rewind |  |  |
| un- | not, opposite  of, lacking | unfair, unfriendly, unkind,  unaware |  |  |
| bi- | two | bicycle, binocular | Latin |  |
| tri- | three | tricycle, triangle | Latin/Greek |  |
| uni- | one | unicycle, uniform, unicorn |  |  |
| com- | together or  common | company, companion |  |  |

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| -er, -or | one who, that which | baker, boxer, conductor, survivor | Latin | Usually a noun  Use –or with Latin roots for nouns (inventor, elevator)  Use –er with Anglo-Saxon roots  (heater, swimmer) |
| -er | action or process  more | fluster, ponder, stutter bigger, faster, happier |  |  |
| -est | superlative  degree | biggest, coldest, tallest | Anglo-Saxon | usually an adjective |

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| -less | without | fearless, helpless, homeless |  |  |
| -ness | condition,  state of | darkness, fairness | Anglo-Saxon | usually a noun |
| -ful | full of | thankful, careful, cheerful |  |  |
| -ies | plural, more  than one | parties, babies, cries | Anglo-Saxon | y after a consonant |
| -ied | past tense | cried, tried, | Anglo-Saxon | y after a consonant |
| -ed | past tense | stopping, hopping | Anglo-Saxon | doubling (CVC) |
| -ing | action/process | stopped, hopped | Anglo-Saxon | doubling (CVC) |
| -ly | characteristic  of | badly, friendly, quickly | Anglo-Saxon | Usually an adverb |
| -y | characterized  by/like | cloudy, fishy | Anglo-Saxon |  |

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| **Root** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Origin** | **Additional**  **Information** |
| bio | life | biology, biography, biopsy | Greek |  |
| graph | write | telegraph, photograph,  phonograph, autograph | Greek |  |
| phon | sound | phonograph, symphony, telephone, microphone,  phonics | Greek |  |
| scope | see | microscope, telescope,  periscope, stethoscope | Greek |  |
| port | carry | transport, export, portable |  |  |
| mob  mov mot | move | mobile, movement, motion | Latin |  |

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| **4th Grade** | | | | |
| **Prefix** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Origin** | **Additional**  **Information** |
| non- | not | nonfat, nonsense | Latin |  |
| over- | too much,  above | overdone, overhead | Anglo Saxon |  |
| mis- | bad or badly wrong or  wrongly | misbehave, misread, misspell | Latin |  |
| de- | reduce down  away from | defeat, deform, decrease | Latin |  |
| under- | too little/below | underfed, underground | Anglo-Saxon |  |
| bi- | two | bicycle, binocular | Latin |  |
| tri- | three | tricycle, triangle | Latin/Greek |  |
| quad- | four | quadrilateral, quadrant | Latin |  |
| oct- | eight | octagon, octopus | Latin/Greek |  |
| con-  com | together with,  jointly | combat, combine, concur |  |  |
| ex- | from, out, out  of, away from | excavate, exhale, extract |  |  |
| pre- | earlier, before,  in front of | preamble, prepare, prepay |  |  |
| re- | again, back,  backward | rebound, rebuild, rewind |  |  |

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| -er, -or | one who, that which | baker, boxer, conductor, survivor | Latin | Usually a noun  Use –or with Latin roots for nouns (inventor, elevator) Use –er with Anglo-Saxon roots (heater, swimmer) |
| -er | action or process  more | fluster, ponder, stutter bigger, faster, happier |  |  |
| -ible, -  able | able to be | audible, legible, plausible  unable, enable, valuable |  |  |
| -tion | act of, state of,  result of | attention, invitation,  restriction | Anglo-Saxon | Usually a noun |
| -ist | one who does  an action | artist, pianist, linguist |  |  |
| -less | without | fearless, helpless, homeless |  |  |

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| -ly | in what manner  (makes an adverb) | badly, courageously, quickly |  |  |
| -y | made up of, characterized  by | brainy, fruity, gooey |  |  |
| -al, -ial | related to  characterized by | colonial, biennial, dental, betrayal | Latin | Usually an adjective |
| -ness | condition, state  of | darkness, fairness | Anglo-Saxon | Usually a noun |
| -ment | act, process | enjoyment, replacement | Latin |  |
| -en | made of, to  make | wooden, dampen, tighten, | Anglo-Saxon |  |

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| **Root** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Origin** | **Additional**  **Information** |
| rupt | break, burst | bankrupt, rapture, disruptive | Latin |  |
| terr,  terra | land | terrain, territory | Latin |  |
| geo | earth, ground,  soil | geography, geology | Greek |  |
| photo | light | photograph, telephoto,  photocopy | Greek |  |
| tract | pull, drag | tractor, attract, subtract,  traction | Latin |  |
| meter, metr | measure | speedometer, odometer, metric, metronome, thermometer, perimeter,  diameter, centimeter | Greek |  |
| graph, gram | write | autograph, telegraph, stenography, telegram, diagram, Instagram,  program |  |  |
| sign | seal, mark, sign,  tell something | signature, signal |  |  |
| spec(t) | See, look | spectator, retrospective,  circumspect |  |  |
| tele | distant, far | telegram, telescope |  |  |
| audi  (aud) | hear | audience, auditorium,  audiovisual | Latin |  |

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| **5th Grade** | | | | |
| **Prefix** | **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 |  |
| com- | together with, joint | compound, community, contain,  connect |  |  |
| dis- | do the opposite,  exclude, absence of, not | disagree, disappear, disassemble |  |  |
| ex- | from, out, out of,  away from | excavate, exhale, extract |  |  |
| il- im- in-  ir- | not, without | Illegal, impossible,  inappropriate, irresponsible |  |  |
| pre- | earlier, before, in  front of | preamble, prepare, prepay |  |  |
| pro- | before, in front of | prologue, prophet |  |  |
| sub- | under, lower than,  inferior to | submarine, submerge,  substandard |  |  |
| sur- | over, above, up | surtax surface |  |  |
| un- | not, opposite of,  lacking | unfair, unfriendly, unusual |  |  |
| 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 |  |

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| **Suffix** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Origin** | **Additional**  **Information** |
| -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) |
| -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 | electrician,  magician, American, suburban | Latin | Usually a noun |
| -ly | In what  manner | badly, courageously,  quickly |  | Makes an adverb |
| -less | without | fearless, helpless,  homeless |  |  |
| -ness | condition,  state of | darkness, fairness | Anglo-  Saxon | Usually a noun |
| -ful | full of | thankful, careful,  cheerful |  |  |
| -ant | a person who | immigrant, servant |  |  |
| -ant | inclined to,  tending to | brilliant, defiant, |  |  |
| -ent | inclined to | competent,  different, potent |  |  |
| -ic  -ical | relating to, characterized  by | comic, organic analytical, typical |  |  |
| -ous | full of | humorous,  hazardous |  |  |
| -ward | shows specified  direction | backward, homeward |  |  |

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| **Root** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Origin** | **Additional**  **Information** |
| 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 |  |
| 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 |  |
| rupt | break | interrupt, bankrupt, rupture |  |  |
| spec(t) | See, look | circumspect, spectator, |  |  |
| opt | eye  best | optic, optical  optimal, optimize |  |  |
| dict | to say, tell | diction, dictator | Latin |  |