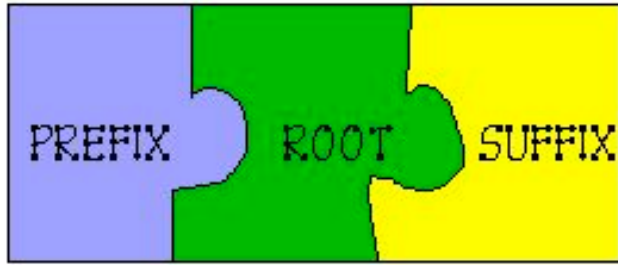


WORD PARTS ARE  
LIKE PARTS OF A PUZZLE!



Your vocabulary will greatly increase if you know about the structure of words and how they are formed. The main part of a word is called the **root** (for example, *write*). We can add prefixes to the beginning (*rewrite*), and suffixes to the end (*writer*).

If you know common roots, prefixes, and suffixes, you will increase your vocabulary!

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### Common Prefixes

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Example</u>
pre-	before	They will show a sneak <u>pre</u> view of the movie.
un-	not	The plot was <u>un</u> believable!
dis-	not	I <u>dis</u> agree with you on that point.
re-	again	She will <u>re</u> write that part of the story.
mis-	not	I must have <u>mis</u> understood her.
im-	not	That is <u>im</u> possible.
bi-	two	She rides a <u>bi</u> cycle to school.
de-	not	The airlines are <u>de</u> regulated.

### Common Suffixes

<u>suffix</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Example</u>
-er	doer	Mrs. Solomon is an outstanding teacher <u>er</u> .
-able	able to	The plot was unbelievable <u>able</u> !
-ous	full of	Exploring space can be danger <u>ous</u> .
-ness	state of being	She will filled with happi <u>ness</u> .
-ful	full of	The train ride was wonder <u>ful</u> .
-ly or -y	like	She talked gentl <u>ly</u> .
-ment	state of	That part of govern <u>ment</u> passes laws.