



Decoding Vocabulary



Looking at word meanings

The **root word** carries the meaning

The **prefix** (at the beginning of a word) and **suffix** (at the end of a word) also carry meaning and they alter the meaning of the **root word**

discontentment

antinuclear

cyclist

Suffix	General Meaning	Examples
-able, -ible	can be done	comfortable, sensible, audible, reliable
al, -ial	to do with	global, national
-ed	past-tense verbs	hopped
-en	made of	wooden
-er, or	person or thing performing an action	teacher, actor, predator, consumer
-er, est	comparative	Higher, highest
-ful	full of	careful
-ic	to do with	chronological, mathematical
-ing	verb form-present participle	running
ion, -tion, -ation, ition	act, process or result	attraction
-ity, -ty	state or quality of	infinity, generosity
-ive, -ative, -itive	having the nature of	supportive
-less	without	careless, penniless, homeless
-ly	in this way	quickly
-ment	result of an action	enjoyment, encouragement
-ness	state of	kindness, happiness
-ous, -eous, -ious	full of	joyous, famous, dangerous
-s, -es	more than one	books, boxes
-y	characterized by	happy

