

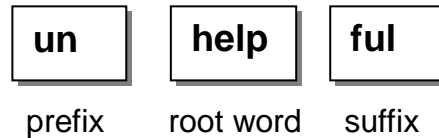


## Prefixes and suffixes

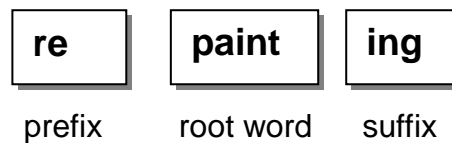
Some words (**root** words) can have words or parts of words added to the beginning or end that change their meaning.

If you add parts of words to the beginning of a word, it is called a **prefix**.  
If you add parts of words to the end of a word, it is called a **suffix**.

The children were **unhelpful** to their mother



I ended up **repainting** the kitchen



Knowing about these parts of words is useful for spelling because they help you break down longer words into smaller parts and they also give you clues about their meanings.

### Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning
<b>un-</b>	means <b>not</b> or the opposite of the rest of the word: eg <b>uneaten</b> means <b>not eaten</b>
<b>dis-</b>	also means <b>not</b> : eg <b>disagreed</b> means <b>not agreed</b>
<b>re-</b>	means <b>again</b> : eg <b>redone</b> means <b>done again</b>
<b>pre-</b>	means <b>before</b> e.g. <b>predate</b> means <b>to come before</b>

### Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning
<b>-s, -es</b>	means <b>more than one</b> (plural): eg one book but many books.
<b>-ing or -ed</b>	shows when something happened - in the present ( <b>ing</b> ) or past ( <b>ed</b> ) tense: eg I am <b>working</b> there now or I <b>worked</b> there last week
<b>-er, -est</b>	means <b>more</b> or the most of something: eg that drink was <b>colder</b> (more cold) or that was the <b>coldest</b> drink (the most cold)
<b>-ful or -less</b>	shows there is a <b>lot of</b> something ( <b>hopeful</b> - a lot of hope) or none of something ( <b>hopeless</b> - no hope)