



TASK 5: AFFIXES IN ENGLISH

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Affixes (prefixes, infixes, suffixes) in English are attached to different words (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs). Those different words are bases for the formation of other words, and therefore, they are called *roots*.

TASK:

Form new words using the combination *root + affix*. First, find the root to a given affix (first column), write its lexical category (second column) then, write the lexical category of the newly formed word (third column), finally, write this word in the last column. Look at the example:

affix	attaches to	forming	examples
anti-	nouns	nouns	anti-craft

Hint: Although you probably know more *root+affix* combinations, you are only asked to write one, for each affix.

POINTS: For each correct answer, you will get 0.5. Totally for this task you can get 5 points.

	affix	attaches to	forming	examples
1.	<i>un-</i>			
2.	<i>re-</i>			
3.	<i>dis-</i>			
4.	<i>-ment</i>			
5.	<i>-ize</i>			
6.	<i>-ism</i>			
7.	<i>-ful</i>			
8.	<i>-ly</i>			
9.	<i>-er</i>			
10.	<i>-s</i>			



TASK 5: KEY

Possible answers:

	affix	attaches to	forming	examples
1.	un-	adjectives	adjectives	un-happy, un-lucky
		verbs	verbs	un-bridle, un-lock
2.	re-	verbs	verbs	re-establish, re-assure
3.	dis-	verbs	verbs	disown
		adjectives	adjectives	dishonest
4.	-ment	verbs	nouns	establish-ment
5.	-ize	nouns	verbs	burglar-ize
		adjectives	verbs	steril-ize
6.	-ism	nouns	nouns	gangster-ism
		adjectives	nouns	real-ism, American-ism
7.	-ful	nouns	adjectives	care-ful, master-ful
8.	-ly	adjectives	adverbs	careful-ly, nice-ly
9.	-er	adjectives	comparative adjectives	fairi-er, nic-er
10.	-s	nouns	plural nouns	friend-s

Note: Some affixes have additional less common uses that are not exemplified.