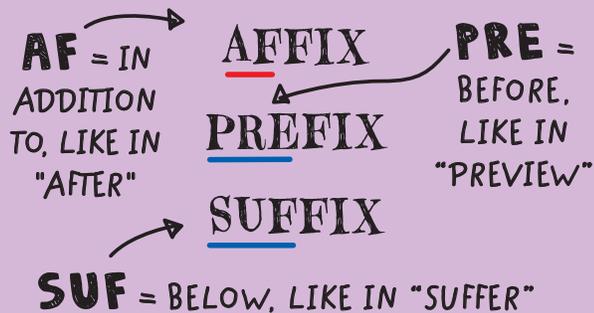


LATIN and GREEK

Prefixes and suffixes may seem like some crazy code. In a way, they are—they're in a "code" based on the original Latin and Greek. But once we learn the meanings of common roots and affixes, we can "crack the code." Even when we don't know a word, we can make good guesses about what it might mean, based on the part we recognize from other words.

You can even see how roots and affixes work with the names of these word parts themselves:



Fix is the root. It appears in all three words, and it means "to be attached to something else."



You don't have to know all of Latin and Greek to break the code. Just knowing the most common Latin and Greek roots

and affixes will help you understand thousands of words, like these:

KNOWING ROOTS AND AFFIXES HELPS US FIGURE OUT WORDS IN ALL SUBJECTS—ESPECIALLY SCIENCE AND MATH CLASS!

ROOT/ AFFIX	LANGUAGE	TRANSLATION	EXAMPLE
ANTI	Greek	Against	<u>Antifreeze</u>
ASTRO	Greek	Star	<u>Astronaut</u>
BENE	Latin	Good	<u>Benefit</u>
BI	Greek	Two	<u>Bisect</u>
CHRON	Greek	Time	<u>Chronology</u>
COSM	Greek	World	<u>Cosmos</u>
CRACY	Greek	Government	<u>Democracy</u>
CYCL	Greek	Circle, Wheel	<u>Bicycle</u>
DEM	Greek	People	<u>Democracy</u>
DICT	Latin	Say	<u>Dictate</u>
GEO*	Greek	Earth	<u>Geology</u>
GEN	Latin	Birth	<u>Genesis</u>
MECH	Greek	Machine	<u>Mechanic</u>

You can figure out the whole word "bicycle" from knowing "bi" and "cycl."