

Prefixes and suffixes

Prefixes are letters or groups of letters placed at the beginning of a word to modify or change its meaning.

Task 1: Add the prefixes in the box to the following words.

over- dis- inter- sub- un-

- _____ marine
- _____ change
- _____ advantage
- _____ coat
- _____ plug

Task 2: Complete the sentences with words from the box.

misunderstanding uncomfortable disappeared unsuccessful overslept

- He didn't pass his exam. He was _____ for the second time.
- She arrived late at work because she had _____ .
- The chair was too small. I felt really _____ .
- I think that there has been a _____ , I didn't order this.
- We do not know where he went, when we looked back he had _____ .

Suffixes are groups of letters attached to the ends of words. Suffixes have a grammatical function; they can indicate what part of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb) the word is. Suffixes modify and extend meaning.

Task 3: Add the suffixes in the box to the words below.

-tion -ness -ship -ance

- resist _____
- specializa _____
- kind _____
- relation _____