

Etymology: the study of words

“Etym” = true meaning; “ology” = study of

Word Roots

Prefix: Comes before the root word. “Pre” means before.

Suffix: Comes at the end of the root word.

Prefixes and suffixes are small parts of words that come from Greek and Latin. Knowing prefixes and suffixes helps you understand the meanings of words.

Example 1:

“bio-” = life, “-ology” = science of or study of
Biology is the study of life.

Example 2:

“mis-” = bad

To misbehave is to act or behave poorly.