

The Most Frequent Affixes in Printed School English

Rank	Prefix Prefix	Percent of All Prefixed Words	Suffix	Percent of All Suffixed Words
1	un-	26%	-s, -es	31%
2	re-	14%	-ed	20%
3	in-, im-, il-ir- (not)	11%	-ing	14%
4	dis-	7%	-ly	7%
5	en-, em-	4%	-er,-or (agent)	4%
6	non-	4%	-ion, -tion, -ation, -ition	4%
7	in-, im- (in)	3%	-able, -ible	2%
8	over-	3%	-al, -ial	1%
9	mis-	3%	-y	1%
10	sub-	3%	-ness	1%
11	pre-	3%	ity, -ty	1%
12	inter-	3%	-ment	1%
13	fore-	3%	-ic	1%
14	de-	2%	-ous,-eous, ious	1%
15	trans-	2%	-en	1%
16	super-	1%	-er (comparative)	1%
17	semi-	1%	-ive,-ative, -tive	1%
18	anti-	1%	-ful	1%
19	mid-	1%	-less	1%
20	under- (too little)	1%	-est	1%
	All others	3%		7%

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