

# **BASES AND AFFIXES**

## **(AFFIXES)**

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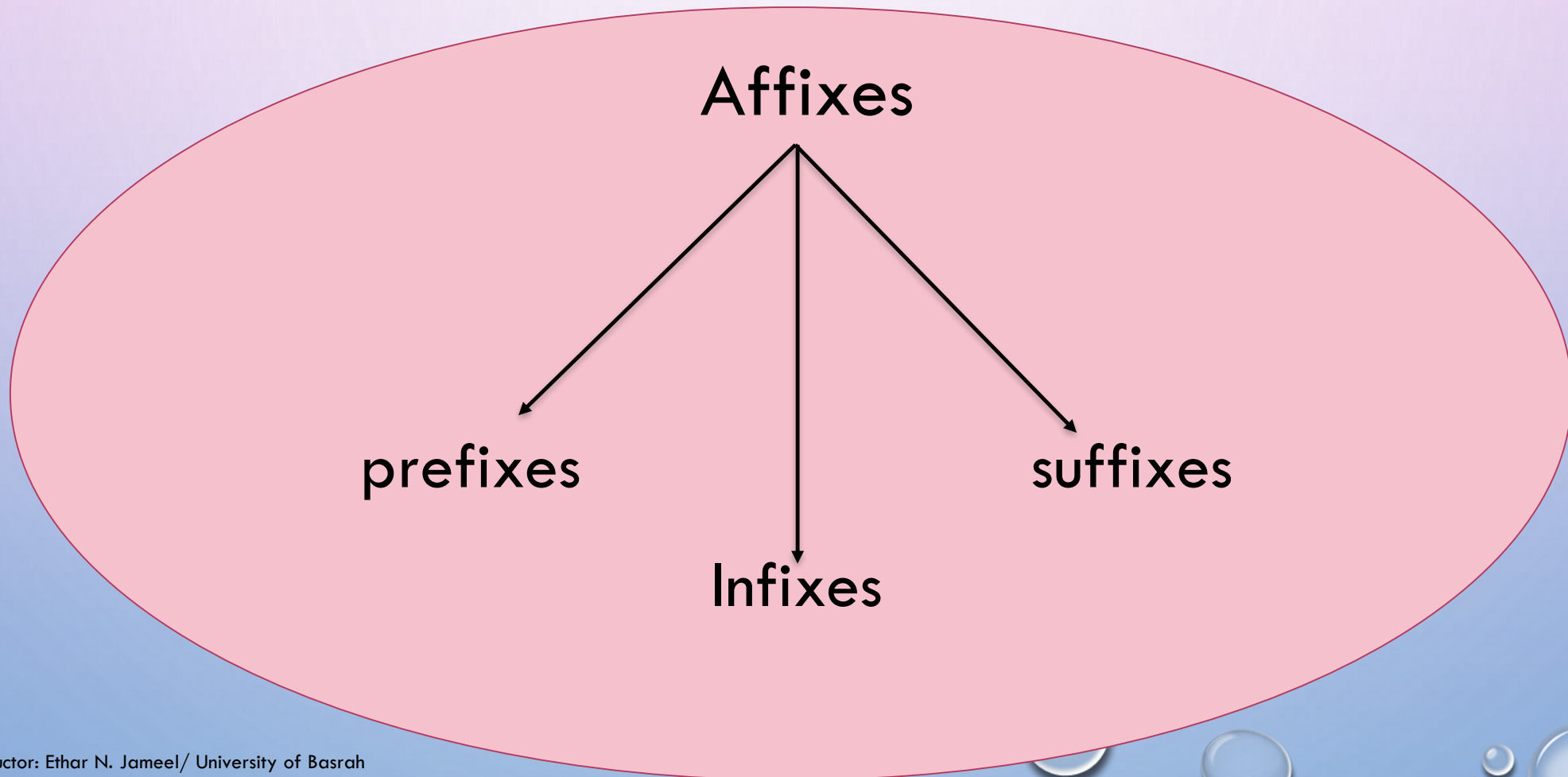
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**Affixes** are bound morphemes that occur before, within or after a base. They are of three kinds:

**1- prefixes 2- infixes 3- suffixes**



# 1 - PREFIXES

- Prefixes are bound morphemes that occur before a base.
- **Disagreeable** .....(dis) means not
- **inspect** .....(in) means within, between
- **Reclaim**.....(re) means again
- **Antifreeze**.....(anti) means against

**Note: exercise 8.8 (page 90) requires the meaning of some familiar prefixes.**

## 2- INFIXES

- An infix is a bound morpheme that has been inserted within a word.

# They are either additions or replacements.

# Additions are less common than replacements.

- Examples of additive infixes are :
  - Passers-by (the **-s plural** is the infix).
  - Mothers-in-law (the **-s plural** is the infix).

- Replacement is the most common type of infixes in English. It can be found in few noun plurals and more often in the past and the past participles of verbs.
- Goose-----geese
- Tooth-----teeth
- Find -----found- found
- Sing.....sang, sung
- Mouse .....Mice
- Read.....read



## 3- SUFFIXES

- Suffixes are bound morphemes that occur after a base. Suffixes may pile up to the number of three or four.
- Examples of suffixes:
- Kindness.....(kind +ness)
- Greasier.....(grease + y + er)
- Normalizers -----(norm + al + ize + er +s)
- Fruitfulness..... (fruit + ful+ ness)
- Responsibilities----- response + ible+ ity+ s