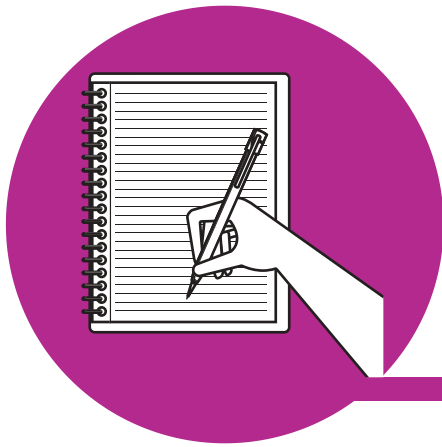


Learn English: Prefixes and Suffixes with Reporting Verbs

Student Writing Practice

English has many different prefixes and suffixes that are used to change the meaning and form of words.

What are some advantages to knowing English prefixes and suffixes? Are there any disadvantages?



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Writing Tips

What is a first draft?

A **first draft**, also called a rough draft, is the first version of a piece of writing, but it is not the final version. It is a rough sketch of what your finished work will look like. In the **first draft** of an essay, you develop the main ideas, arguments, and thesis statement you wrote down in the outline.

Here are some tips to help you write your **first draft** as quickly and efficiently as possible:

1. Use the list, outline, or map you during the pre-writing/preparation stage, but don't feel you have to stick strictly to these ideas.
2. Remember that you are writing this first draft for yourself; it does not need to be perfect.
3. Complete thorough research if you're writing about a specific person, thing, event, or another topic that is not a personal experience.
4. If you didn't make an outline during the pre-writing stage, take your notes and put them in a logical order.
5. Transform the ideas and examples you wrote down during brainstorming into complete sentences and paragraphs.
6. If you get stuck on a particular part of your draft, set it aside and move on to a different section.
7. Don't worry about grammar, punctuation, spelling, or formatting during your first draft.
8. Give yourself enough time to write your first draft; don't wait until the last minute!

The **first draft** is important because it allows you to get your ideas out based on the plan you established during the preparation stage. It also serves as a reference point for later drafts of your work.