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Prefixes and Suffixes: Infer Meanings of Complex Words

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Here are root words and prefix definitions or suffix definitions. Form the new word.

Prefix Definition	Root Word	New Word
opposite, remove	connect	
before	view	
again or back	write	
not or opposite of	happy	
wrongly or badly	understand	
under or below	marine	
against or opposite	virus	

Root Word	Suffix Definition	New Word
kind	state or quality	
hope	full of	
care	without	
achieve	action or process	
quick	in what manner	
teach	one who	
create	act or process	

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opposite, remove	connect	disconnect
before	view	preview
again or back	write	rewrite
not or opposite of	happy	unhappy
wrongly or badly	understand	misunderstand
under or below	marine	submarine
against or opposite	virus	antivirus

Root Word	Suffix Definition	New Word
kind	state or quality	kindness
hope	full of	hopeful
care	without	careless
achieve	action or process	achievement
quick	in what manner	quickly
teach	one who	teacher
create	act or process	creation