

## Prefixes and Suffixes of the Month - November

**Prefixes** generally alter the meaning of a word and **suffixes** change its part of speech. We will give you a few examples. Please look up other words that use the same prefixes or suffixes and share them in class with your classmates and teacher next week. Try using the words below or your words in sentences. **Stress:** Please pay attention to the stress of each word!

Which of the words in the examples are nouns/ verbs/ adjectives?

### PREFIXES

- **pro -** in favor of; supporting
- Examples: *pro-democracy*
- **anti -** opposed to; against; the opposite of
- Examples: *antisocial behavior, antiperspirant, antibiotics*
- **dis -** not; the opposite of
- Examples: *dishonest, disappear, disadvantage*

### SUFFIXES

- **- less** 1. without 2. not doing, not affected by
- Examples: *speechless, meaningless, tireless, selfless*
- **- ful** 1. full of; having the qualities of; tending to 2. An amount that fills something
- Examples: *meaningful, peaceful, forgetful, handful, spoonful*

**Please use the questions below to have conversation with your partner.**

1. We hear a lot about the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong these days. How do you feel about the developments there?
2. Antibiotics are used to prevent the growth of bacteria. Some people worry that doctors prescribe them too often. How do you feel about this?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in Ibaraki prefecture?
4. Has anything ever rendered you speechless in a particular situation? If not, can you think of a situation when this could be possible?
5. "A handful" is a special expression. It means a person or an animal that is difficult to control. What were you like when you were young? Were you sometimes a handful when you were young? ;-) Tell us about a time in your life when your parents might have felt this way.