



Lyrics

Prefixes, Suffixes, and Roots

Chorus

Words are power, and that's the truth
Prefixes, suffixes, and they all got roots
Words are power, they run this town
So let's run the track back, and break 'em on down
(x2)

Verse I

Let me break this down, we start with **root words** the truest
Not a **full word**, just a linguistic unit
You get a lot of room here to improvise
Visualize words of small size as I summarize
"aqua" means water, "ami" means love
"bio" means life, "hemo" means blood
"geo" means earth, and "vita" means life
Let's hit the next topic so y'all can get it right

Verse II

You want to know what's next, it's the **prefix** step
The initial portion of a term or object
Look at the word itself, it's a two-part patch
"pre" means before, and "fix" is to attach
"anti-" means against, "inter-" means between
"poly-" means many, while "homo-" means the same
"pseudo-" means false, and "trans-" mean across
Prefixes **start words**, you should never take a loss

Verse III

If prefixes come before, then what's the next chapter
Suffixes follows root words, so they must come after
And while this may sound absurd
A **suffix** can also change the grammar function of a **whole word**
"Wait, from adjectives to adverbs?" Like **clear into clearly**
"But then child into childish?" It's semantics, can you hear me?
"-ology" means study of, "-ism" is belief in
"-cide" means killing, and "-or" and "-er" mean demonstration
"-phobia" means fear of, "-kenisis" means movement
And that's what it is, now you're getting some improvement