

Prefixes, Suffixes & Root Words



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Prefixes

pre

before

mis

wrong
or bad

not

un

again

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re

Suffixes

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full of

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Name: _____

Prefix Assessment

Directions: Draw a line to match each prefix with its meaning.

un	wrong
re	not
mis	before
pre	again

Directions: Use the word bank to complete each sentence.

1. I had to _____ the oven.
2. I _____ my favorite book.
3. I have to _____ my jacket before I take it off.
4. My teacher gave me a math _____ her
5. My teacher had me _____ what happened in the story.
6. I practiced the word so I did not _____ it.

pretest	reread
preheat	misspell
retell	unzip

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Suffix Assessment

Directions: Draw a line to match each prefix with its meaning.

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Directions: Use the word bank to complete each sentence.

1. The _____ is the person who edits the book.
2. I tiptoed _____ down the stairs so I did not wake up my family.
3. My alarm clock was _____. It always went off at the right time.
4. I _____ helped my mom make cookies. I loved helping!
5. The book was very _____ to read. I really liked it!
6. The wind was so _____ it blew the leaves off of the trees.

quietly happily
powerful editor
reliable enjoyable.

Name: _____

Root Word Assessment

Directions: Circle the root word.

playful

rewrite

unhappy

powerful

preschool

refill

colorful

untie

misbehave

quickly

Focus on: Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
mis	wrong, bad	mistreat, misspell mistake, mistreat
pre	before	prefix, preheat pretest, prepay
re	again	reread, retell, redo
un	not	unable, untie, unzip, unkind

Focus on: Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
mis		
pre		
re		
un		

Focus on: Root Words

Root word	Examples
act	react
friend	unfriend
heat	preheat, reheat
play	replay
print	reprint
read	misread, reread
spell	misspell
test	pretest
tie	retie, untie
write	prewrite, rewrite

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act	
friend	
heat	
play	
print	
read	
spell	
test	
tie	
write	

Focus on: Suffixes

Suffix	Meaning	Examples
-able	can be	comfortable, enjoyable, reliable
-ful	full of	careful, powerful
-ly	in a way	happily, quietly, slowly
-or	someone who	editor, illustrator, visitor

Focus on: Suffixes

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-able		
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Prefix Practice

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Directions: Draw a picture to show the meaning of each word.

untie

misspell

retell

Name: _____

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reuse

misuse

unzip

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Suffix Practice

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Directions: Draw a picture to show the meaning of each word.



loudly



visitor



colorful

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Suffix Practice

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Directions: Draw a picture to show the meaning of each word.

happily

comfortable

breakable

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Prefix Addition

A prefix comes _____ a word.

un re mis pre

heat do spell place kind fair

Directions: Make word with a prefix. Write each word in the boxes at the bottom. Draw a picture to show the meaning of each word.



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Date: _____

Suffix Addition

A suffix comes _____ a word.

beauty act quiet break

able ful ly or

Directions: Make word with a prefix. Write each word in the boxes at the bottom. Draw a picture to show the meaning of each word.



reread

unkind

redo

unfair

misspell

preheat

misbehave

preview

retie

to read
again

not kind

to do
again

not fair

to spell
wrong

to heat
before

to behave
wrong

to watch
before

to tie
again

actor

governor

quickly

quietly

peaceful

powerful

breakable

believable

illustrator

someone
who acts

someone
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governs

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way

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The butterfly
was full of
beauty.

I had to talk in
a quiet way
while my sister
slept.

The woman
had to edit
the book.

I was able
to rely on
my friend.

I had to walk
in a slow way
so I did not
spill my drink.

The boy was
someone
who acts.

My sister
walked in a
happy way
to school.

My friend had
to use care as
she carried
the glass.

The soft
blanket was
full of
comfort.



beautiful



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reliable



slowly



actor



happily



carefully



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I had to read
my book
again.

I did not think
it was fair.

I lost my
coat.

I had to warm
up the oven
before I baked
the cookies.

I did not spell
the word the
right way.

He was not
nice to me.

I had to write
my messy
sentences
again.

The sign told
me to be
careful.

My little
sister was
not being
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