Prefixes, Suffixes & Root Words

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Prefixes

A prefix is a word added before a root word to make a new word.

- **pre**: before
- **mis**: wrong or bad
- **un**: not
- **re**: again
A prefix is a word added before a root word to make a new word. Some examples include:

- **-ful** means full of, as in "ful of"
- **-or** means a person who is, as in "or a person"
- **-ly** means in a way, as in "ly in a way"
- **-able** means can be, as in "able can be"
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I can use root words I know to help me understand the meanings of new words.
Prefix Assessment

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

un \(\rightarrow\) wrong
re \(\rightarrow\) not
mis \(\rightarrow\) before
pre \(\rightarrow\) 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 ________________________.
5. My teacher had me ___________________________ her what happened in the story.
6. I practiced the word so I did not ___________________________ it.

pretest  reread
preheat  misspell
retell   unzip
Directions: Draw a line to match each prefix with its meaning.

Prefix: can be in a way or by

Meaning: full of able

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.

Word Bank:
- editor
- reliable
- powerful
- happily
- enjoyable
- reliably
Root Word Assessment

Directions: Circle the root word.

playful  rewrite  unhappy  powerful  preschool  refill  colorful  untie  misbehave  quickly
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Directions: Draw a picture to show the meaning of each word.

untie    misspell    retell
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reuse  misuse  unzip
Suffix Practice

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loudly
visitor
colorful
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happily  comfortable  breakable
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.
Suffix Addition

A suffix comes ________________ a word.

beauty    act    quiet    break

able    fully    or

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reread  unkind  redo

unfair  misspell  preheat

misbehave  preview  retie
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not kind
to do again
not fair
to spell wrong
to heat before
to behave wrong
to watch before
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actor  governor  quickly

quietly  peaceful  powerful

breakable  believable  illustrator
someone who acts

someone who governs

in a quick way

in a quiet way

full of peace

full of power

able to be broken

can be believed

someone who illustrates

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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.
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 good.
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