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What is a Prefix?

A prefix is a group of letters added before a word to make a new word with a different meaning.

Example: un + happy = unhappy (means not happy)

How Prefix Changes Meaning

Prefixes help us make new words that tell **opposite**, **negative**, or **repeated** actions. Look at the table below and learn how meanings change:

Prefix	Example Word	New Word	Meaning
un-	happy	unhappy	not happy
dis-	agree	disagree	not agree
in-	correct	incorrect	not correct
im-	possible	impossible	not possible
ir-	regular	irregular	not regular
re-	make	remake	to make again
pre-	view	preview	to see before
mis-	place	misplace	to put in wrong place
non-	stop	nonstop	without stopping
over-	cook	overcook	to cook too much
under-	ground	underground	below the ground

Remember

- Prefix always comes before the word.
- It changes the meaning of the base word.
- Learn common prefixes to build strong vocabulary.

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What is a Suffix?

A suffix is a group of letters added at the **end of a word** to change its form or meaning.

Example: help + ful = helpful (means full of help)

How Suffix Changes Meaning

A suffix changes the meaning of a word by showing how something is done, what a person does, or describing a state or quality.

Suffix	Example Word	New Word	Meaning
ful	help	helpful	full of help
less	care	careless	without care
er	teach	teacher	a person who teaches
est	big	biggest	the most big
ness	kind	kindness	the state of being kind
ly	quick	quickly	in a quick way
able	read	readable	can be read
ment	enjoy	enjoyment	the act of enjoying
tion	inform	information	the act of informing

Remember

- Prefix comes at the beginning of a word.
- Suffix comes at the end of a word.
- Both change the meaning or type of the base word.

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 Instruction: Draw a line to match each base word with its new word.

AGREE ●

● REMAKE

APPEAR ●

● DISAPPEAR

LOCK ●

● IRREGULAR

MAKE ●

● UNPACK

BEHAVE ●

● DISOBEY

PACK ●

● UNLOCK

COVER ●

● RECOVER

POSSIBLE ●

● MISBEHAVE

REGULAR ●

● DISAGREE

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 Instruction: Draw a line to match each base word with its new word.

HELP ●

● QUICKLY

CARE ●

● HELPFUL

TEACH ●

● KINDNESS

BIG ●

● CARELESS

KIND ●

● BIGGEST

QUICK ●

● TEACHER

READ ●

● READABLE

ENJOY ●

● ENJOYMENT

INFORM ●

● INFORMATION

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 Instruction: Drag and drop the words under the correct prefix to form the opposite.

UN
IN
IM
DIS
MATURE
TIDY
USUAL
PERFECT
CORRECT
AGREE
MOBILE
POSSIBLE
SATISFIED
HAPPY
APPEAR
ACCURATE
EXPENSIVE
MORAL
REGARD
RESPECTFUL
IMPORTANT
FORMAL
HEALTHY
APPROPRIATE
DEPENDENT
HONEST
PRACTICAL
COMFORTABLE

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 **Instruction:** Read the words in the box. Write each word under the correct suffix column.

FUL
LESS
ER
LY

HELP
FEAR
LOVE
FARM
CARE
PLAY
MOVE
CAREFUL
TEACH
KIND
FRIEND
TALK
QUICK
HAPPY
THANK
RAIN
USE
PAIN
WONDER
HELPFUL
HOPE
READ
NEAT
SAFE

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 **Instruction:** Circle the correct answer:

A prefix goes at the **(beginning / end)** of a base word, and a suffix goes at the **(beginning / end)** of a base word to change the base word's meaning.

 **Instruction:** Use a prefix from the box to create a new word for each of the following base words. Write the new word into a sentence:

re un dis mis

e.g. mis + trust = mistrust

• ____ + happy = ____

• ____ + write = ____

• ____ + take = ____

 **Instruction:** Use a suffix from the box to create a new word for each of the following base words. Write the new word into a sentence.

Spelling reminder: Use the 1:1:1 doubling rule and silent 'e' rule where appropriate.

ing est ful s

e.g. run + ing = running

• brave + ____ = ____

• hope + ____ = ____

• bike + ____ = ____
