

Prefixes  
Suffixes  
Root Words

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## Prefixes

Prefixes are added to the beginning of root or base words. When you add a prefix to a base word, you change the word's meaning.

Some common prefixes and their meanings:

**re--**again, back

**dis--**not

**pre--**before

**un--**not, opposite

**mis--**wrong

**under--**below

→ Draw a box around the prefix in each problem. Underline the root or base word in each problem **Example:** unhappy

return

preschool

untied

dishonest

misbehave

underwater

replay

preheat

unable

dismount

mismatch

underage

redo

preview

unlocked

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## Prefixes

⇒ Write the correct word on the blank to complete each sentence.

preheat	underwater	misbehave	unable
return	dishonest	unwrap	untied

1. Mom said I had to wait until my birthday to \_\_\_\_\_ my presents.
2. We had to \_\_\_\_\_ the oven before we could put the cookies in.
3. Jon forgot his backpack and had to \_\_\_\_\_ home to get it.
4. Ashton was sad because she was \_\_\_\_\_ to get tickets for the concert.
5. Jakob almost fell down because his shoelaces were \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Tasha can swim \_\_\_\_\_ for over 1 minute.
7. Sherry was being \_\_\_\_\_ when she did not tell the truth.
8. Our teacher told us to not \_\_\_\_\_ on the field trip.

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➡ Write the correct prefix next to each base word.

_____play	to play again
_____age	below age
_____print	to print incorrectly or wrongly
_____able	not able
_____heat	to heat before
_____wind	to wind back or again
_____honest	not honest
_____treat	to treat wrongly or badly
_____tied	not tied
_____water	below the water
_____happy	not happy
_____view	to view before

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⇒ Write the meaning of each word. Example: unhappy -- not happy

1. dishonest -- \_\_\_\_\_
2. replay-- \_\_\_\_\_
3. underwater-- \_\_\_\_\_
4. preview-- \_\_\_\_\_
5. unable-- \_\_\_\_\_
6. redo-- \_\_\_\_\_
7. preschool -- \_\_\_\_\_
8. untied -- \_\_\_\_\_
9. mistreat -- \_\_\_\_\_
10. underage -- \_\_\_\_\_

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	below age
	to print incorrectly or wrongly
	not able
	to heat before
	to wind back or again
	not honest
	to treat wrongly or badly
	not tied
	below the water
	not happy
	to view before

unhappy

dishonest

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underage

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preview

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underwater

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**able**--can be done

**est**--most

**er**--more

**ful**--full of

**less**--without

**er**--one who

→ Draw a box around the suffix in each problem. Underline the root or base word in each problem **Example:** smallest

joyful

fearless

slower

youngest

careful

readable

worthless

smaller

singer

breakable

careless

loudest

teacher

tallest

doable

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➡ Add the correct suffix to the end of each base word.

fear_____	without fear
tall_____	the most tall
care_____	with care, full of care
do_____	able to be done, able to do
sing_____	one who sings
worth_____	without worth
young_____	most young
joy_____	full of joy, with joy
care_____	without care
teach_____	one who teaches
slow_____	more slow
read_____	able to be read



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⇒ Write the meaning of each word. Example: joyful -- full of joy

1. singer -- \_\_\_\_\_

2. worthless-- \_\_\_\_\_

3. tallest-- \_\_\_\_\_

4. cheerful-- \_\_\_\_\_

5. doable-- \_\_\_\_\_

6. slower-- \_\_\_\_\_

7. youngest -- \_\_\_\_\_

8. breakable -- \_\_\_\_\_

9. fearless -- \_\_\_\_\_

10. careful -- \_\_\_\_\_

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	the most tall
	with care, full of care
	able to be done, able to do
	one who sings
	without worth
	most young
	full of joy, with joy
	without care
	one who teaches
	more slow
	able to be read

joyful

fearless

slower

youngest

careful

readable

worthless

singer

careless

teacher

tallest

doable

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## Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

⇒ Write the prefix, root word, and suffix of each word in the correct box. Not all words will have each part.

	PREFIX	ROOT WORD	SUFFIX
tallest		<i>tall</i>	<i>est</i>
unhappy			
preschool			
disappear			
younger			
become			
misspoke			
ungrateful			
replay			
worthless			
underground			



Did you spell each part correctly?

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## Prefixes, Root Words, Suffixes

⇒ Write a prefix or suffix to complete the sentence.

1. The kids were very \_\_\_\_happy when their soccer game was rained out.
2. Mom had to \_\_\_\_heat the oven before she could bake the cake.
3. I had to \_\_\_\_read the question so I could understand it.
4. The firefighter was fear\_\_\_\_ as he ran into the burning house to save the family.
5. We watched the fireworks \_\_\_\_plode in the night sky.
6. We had to \_\_\_\_ware of snakes while we were hiking through the woods.
7. She was the young\_\_\_\_ girl in the whole class.
8. The ground was complete\_\_\_\_ covered with snow after the blizzard.
9. The lights added a magic\_\_\_\_ touch to the play.
10. Callie had to \_\_\_\_tie her shoes so she could take them off.
11. Our teacher told us to be care\_\_\_\_ with the pottery we made.
12. The brown dog was small\_\_\_\_ than the black dog.
13. The farm\_\_\_\_ took the hay into the barn.
14. The boy was \_\_\_\_honest when he told the teacher he finished his work.
15. She made a \_\_\_\_take on the test.

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## Root Words, Prefixes, Suffixes

⇒ Find the correct answer for each problem.

1. Find the root word of **tallest**

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2. Find the suffix of **tallest**

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3. Find the root word of **unhappy**

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happy  
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4. Find the prefix of **unhappy**

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happy  
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5. Find the root word of **sadness**

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6. Find the suffix of **sadness**

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7. Find the root word of disagree

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agree  
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8. Find the prefix of disagree

dis  
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agree  
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9. Find the root word of teacher

teach  
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er  
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cher  
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10. Find the suffix of teacher

teach  
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er  
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cher  
☐

11. Find the root word of golden

den  
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old  
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gold  
☐

12. Find the suffix of golden

den  
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gold  
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13. Find the root word of unable

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14. Find the prefix of unable

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able

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15. Find the root word of joyful

joy

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16. Find the suffix of joyful

joy

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full

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17. Find the root word of become

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18. Find the prefix of become

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19. Find the root word of dishonest

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20. Find the prefix of dishonest

honest

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21. Find the root word of youngest

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22. Find the suffix of youngest

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23. Find the root word of reheat

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24. Find the prefix of reheat

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