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Prefixes

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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: un happy

return  preschool  untied

dishonest  misbehave  underwater

replay  preheat  unable

dismount  mismatch  underage

redo  preview  unlocked
Prefixes

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

prefixes: preheat, underwater, misbehave, unable, return, dishonest, unwrap, untied

1. Mom said I had to wait until my birthday to _____________ my presents.
   - unable

2. We had to _____________ the oven before we could put the cookies in.
   - preheat

3. Jon forgot his backpack and had to _____________ home to get it.
   - return

4. Ashton was sad because she was _____________ to get tickets for the concert.
   - unable

5. Jakob almost fell down because his shoelaces were ____________.
   - untied

6. Tasha can swim _________________ for over 1 minute.
   - underwater

7. Sherry was being _________________ when she did not tell the truth.
   - dishonest

8. Our teacher told us to not _________________ on the field trip.
   - misbehave
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<td>un</td>
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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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<td>to print incorrectly or wrongly</td>
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<td>below the water</td>
<td>preview</td>
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<td>rewind</td>
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Some common suffixes and their meanings:

- **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

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<td>_______</td>
<td>the most tall</td>
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<td>care</td>
<td>_______</td>
<td>with care, full of care</td>
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<tr>
<td>do</td>
<td>_______</td>
<td>able to be done, able to do</td>
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<tr>
<td>sing</td>
<td>_______</td>
<td>one who sings</td>
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<td>worth</td>
<td>_______</td>
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<td>slow</td>
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Some common suffixes and their meanings:

- able - can be done
- est - most
- er - more
- ful - full of
- less - without
- er - one who

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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- fearless
- slower
- youngest
- careful
- readable
- worthless
- singer
- careless
- teacher
- tallest
- doable
Write the prefix, root word, and suffix of each word in the correct box. Not all words will have each part.

<table>
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<th>PREFIX</th>
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<td>est</td>
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Did you spell each part correctly?
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.
Find the correct answer for each problem.

1. Find the root word of **tallest**
   - tall
   - est
   - tal
   - 0
   - 0
   - 0

2. Find the suffix of **tallest**
   - tall
   - est
   - lest
   - 0
   - 0
   - 0

3. Find the root word of **unhappy**
   - un
   - happ
   - happy
   - 0
   - 0
   - 0

4. Find the prefix of **unhappy**
   - un
   - unh
   - happy
   - 0
   - 0
   - 0

5. Find the root word of **sadness**
   - ness
   - sadne
   - sad
   - 0
   - 0
   - 0

6. Find the suffix of **sadness**
   - 's
   - ness
   - ess
   - 0
   - 0
   - 0
7. Find the root word of disagree
   - dis
   - agree
   - disag
   - [ ]
   - [ ]
   - [ ]

8. Find the prefix of disagree
   - dis
   - agree
   - di
   - [ ]
   - [ ]
   - [ ]

9. Find the root word of teacher
   - teach
   - er
   - cher
   - [ ]
   - [ ]
   - [ ]

10. Find the suffix of teacher
    - teach
    - er
    - cher
    - [ ]
    - [ ]
    - [ ]

11. Find the root word of golden
    - den
    - old
    - gold
    - [ ]
    - [ ]
    - [ ]

12. Find the suffix of golden
    - den
    - en
    - gold
    - [ ]
    - [ ]
    - [ ]
Root Words, Prefixes, Suffixes

Find the correct answer for each problem.

13. Find the root word of **unable**
   
   un   ab   able
   ☐   ☐   ☐

14. Find the prefix of **unable**
   
   un   ab   able
   ☐   ☐   ☐

15. Find the root word of **joyful**
   
   joy   ful   oy
   ☐   ☐   ☐

16. Find the suffix of **joyful**
   
   joy   full   ful
   ☐   ☐   ☐

17. Find the root word of **become**
   
   be   come   bec
   ☐   ☐   ☐

18. Find the prefix of **become**
   
   be   come   bec
   ☐   ☐   ☐
Find the correct answer for each problem.

19. Find the root word of **dishonest**
   - honest
   - dish
   - dis

20. Find the prefix of **dishonest**
   - honest
   - dish
   - dis

21. Find the root word of **youngest**
   - young
   - you
   - gest

22. Find the suffix of **youngest**
   - young
   - gest
   - est

23. Find the root word of **reheat**
   - re
   - eat
   - heat

24. Find the prefix of **reheat**
   - re
   - eat
   - heat