

# Prefixes and Suffixes

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## Quick Review

A PREFIX is a word part added to the BEGINNING of a word, like **un-**, **re-**, or **pre-**. A SUFFIX or ending is added to the END, like **-ful**, **-less**, **-ed**, **-ing**, or **-ly**. Finding the parts helps you read and understand new words.

## PRACTICE

Look at the word parts. Choose or write the best answer.

1. In the word *unlock*, the prefix **un-** means —
  - A. again
  - B. not or undo
  - C. before
  - D. very
2. In the word *redo*, the prefix **re-** means —
  - A. not
  - B. before
  - C. again
  - D. without
3. Which word means the OPPOSITE of *happy*?
  - A. happily
  - B. unhappy
  - C. happier
  - D. happiness
4. In the word *helpful*, the suffix **-ful** means —
  - A. without
  - B. full of
  - C. again
  - D. before



5. In the word *fearless*, the suffix **-less** means —
- A. full of
  - B. very
  - C. without
  - D. again
6. In the word *preheat*, the prefix **pre-** means —
- A. after
  - B. before
  - C. not
  - D. again
7. Add the suffix **-ing** to the word *jump*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Add the suffix **-ly** to the word *slow* to tell HOW: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. The word *painted* has the ending **-ed**, which shows it already happened.  
**T / F**
10. Which word has a SUFFIX but no prefix?
- A. unkind
  - B. rewrite
  - C. useful
  - D. preview



## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6  A  B  C  D
- 7
- 8
- 9  T  F
- 10  A  B  C  D

### Explanations

|            |                                                                                       |
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| 1. B       | The prefix <i>un-</i> means not or to undo, so unlock means to undo a lock.           |
| 2. C       | The prefix <i>re-</i> means again, so redo means to do something again.               |
| 3. B       | The prefix <i>un-</i> makes a word mean not, so unhappy is the opposite of happy.     |
| 4. B       | The suffix <i>-ful</i> means full of, so helpful means full of help.                  |
| 5. C       | The suffix <i>-less</i> means without, so fearless means without fear.                |
| 6. B       | The prefix <i>pre-</i> means before, so preheat means to heat before.                 |
| 7. jumping | Jump plus the ending <i>-ing</i> makes jumping.                                       |
| 8. slowly  | The suffix <i>-ly</i> turns slow into slowly, which tells how something is done.      |
| 9. T       | The ending <i>-ed</i> shows past time, so painted means it happened in the past.      |
| 10. C      | Useful has the suffix <i>-ful</i> but no prefix. The other words start with a prefix. |



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