

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

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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