

# Prefixes and Suffixes

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## Quick Review

A PREFIX is a word part at the BEGINNING of a word that changes the meaning (un-, re-, dis-, pre-). A SUFFIX is at the END (-ful, -less, -ly, -er). Knowing the parts helps you read new words and figure out what they mean.

## PRACTICE

Choose or write the BEST answer for each item.

1. In the word *unhappy*, the prefix **un-** means —
  - A. very
  - B. again
  - C. not
  - D. before
2. In the word *rewrite*, the prefix **re-** means —
  - A. not
  - B. again
  - C. before
  - D. after
3. Which word means the OPPOSITE of *kind*?
  - A. kindly
  - B. kindness
  - C. unkind
  - D. kinder
4. In the word *helpful*, the suffix **-ful** means —
  - A. without
  - B. before
  - C. full of
  - D. again



5. In the word *hopeless*, the suffix **-less** means —
- A. very
  - B. full of
  - C. without
  - D. before
6. Which word means **to do something AGAIN**?
- A. preview
  - B. review
  - C. undo
  - D. redo
7. Add the prefix **dis-** to *like* to make a new word that means the **OPPOSITE** of like: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Add the suffix **-ly** to *quick* to make an adverb that tells **HOW**: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Read: *The path through the woods seemed endless*. The word **endless** means —
- A. filled with ends
  - B. without an end
  - C. near the end
  - D. the longest end
10. Which word has a **PREFIX** that means “before”?
- A. unpack
  - B. preview
  - C. redo
  - D. fearless
11. Take the word *care* and add **-ful**. Write the new word: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Which word has **NO** prefix?
- A. unkind
  - B. rewrite
  - C. running
  - D. preheat



## 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  A  B  C  D
- 10  A  B  C  D
- 11
- 12  A  B  C  D

### Explanations

<b>1. C</b>	un- means “not.” Unhappy = not happy. A and B are common prefix meanings but for different prefixes (very = not a real English prefix here; again = re-).
<b>2. B</b>	re- means “again.” Rewrite = write again. The other prefixes mean other things (un-, pre-, post-).
<b>3. C</b>	un- adds “not” to a word. Kindly is an adverb, kindness is a noun, kinder is a comparison.
<b>4. C</b>	-ful means “full of.” Helpful = full of help. The other meanings belong to other word parts.
<b>5. C</b>	-less means “without.” Hopeless = without hope. The opposite suffix is -ful (full of).
<b>6. D</b>	re- + do = redo. Preview = view before; review can mean look back but the base means more; undo = take back what was done.
<b>7. dislike</b>	dis- means “not” or the opposite. Dislike = the opposite of like.
<b>8. quickly</b>	-ly often turns an adjective into an adverb.
<b>9. B</b>	end + -less = without an end. The other options misread the suffix.
<b>10. B</b>	pre- means before. Un- means not, re- means again, -less is a suffix (not a prefix).
<b>11. careful</b>	“full of care.”
<b>12. C</b>	Running has the SUFFIX -ing but no prefix. The others all start with un-, re-, or pre-.



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