



Prefixes

Don't get your prefixes and suffixes mixed up — just remember that you put prefixes at the start of words. With these questions you'll be an expert in no time at all.

1. Underline the prefix in each of these words.

bicycle

unreal

overheat

mistreat

prehistoric

dismount

interact

disobey

2. Add the root words to the prefixes to make words to complete these sentences.

Prefixes			Root words		
anti		tele	action		phone
	sub			ordinate	
mis		re	behave		social

Nima knew a lot about clauses.

My brother had an allergic to the nuts he was eating.

Fran wanted to call her friend, but she could not find the

Nick's sister was very and stayed in her room all day.

The children don't in class because their teacher is strict.

3. The prefixes in bold in these sentences are incorrect.

Rewrite the words with the correct prefixes in the space provided.

Dan gets very **sub**happy when other people **dis**understand him.



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It is **dis**appropriate to wear your pyjamas in the **sem**imarket.



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Prefixes

4. Draw lines to match the correct prefix to the following words.

(de)	(ir)	(re)	(il)	(in)
replaceable	legal	crypt	secure	arrange

(A line is drawn from the 'ir' prefix to the 'replaceable' word.)

5. Complete the word in each of these sentences by adding one of the prefixes from the box below.

in un im ir dis

↖ You should use each prefix once.

It is verylikely that there will be an alien invasion.

Your explanation seemsprobable, but I'll believe you.

My dog and my cat arecompatible — they're always fighting.

It wasresponsible to let us play with the water balloons.

Being short is a realadvantage in basketball.

6. Add a prefix to each of the words below to create a word with the opposite meaning.

practical important

clear acceptable

perfect honest

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Suffixes

Suffixes are letters that you add to the end of a word to change the word's meaning. Let's go.

1. Circle the suffix in each of the words below.

softly

playful

preferable

employment

musician

closeness

selfless

childhood

2. Add a suffix from the box below to the word in each of these sentences to make them into adjectives.

ish

less

ous

ful

← You should use each suffix once.

Everyone congratulated Hannah on her wonder..... performance.

Be careful what you eat in the jungle — many plants are poison.....

Unfortunately, a chocolate teapot would be completely use.....

Ele is a self..... person because she only ever thinks about herself.

3. Make as many words as you can from the root words and suffixes in the table below:

Root words			Suffixes	
pain	comfort	care	less	able
accept	help	hope	ance	ful

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Suffixes

4. Cross out the word with the wrong suffix in each sentence.

She sang that song **perfectly** / ~~perfectful~~.

- That book was very **inspirationist** / **inspirational**.
 - How can you **justify** / **justise** spending that much money on sweets?
 - I like my **neighbourness** / **neighbourhood** because everyone is very friendly.
5. Some of the words in these sentences have the wrong suffix.

Rewrite these sentences so that all of the words have the correct suffix.

Homework isn't enjoyable, but it's foolism to avoid it.

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A lion's powerly jaws can be dangerous.

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6. Add the suffix to the root word to make a noun and write the new word on the line. Then use the new word in a sentence.

teach + er ➡ *teacher*

The teacher told the class that they were getting a new hamster.

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lonely + ness ➡

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amuse + ment ➡

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elect + ion ➡

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Don't forget — the spelling of the root word may need to change.

*Grammagators make short work of suffix questions.
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