

Prefixes and Suffixes Worksheet

Prefixes are added to the beginning of root or base words. When you add a prefix to a base word, you change the word's meaning.

Suffixes are added to the end of root or base words. When you add a suffix to a base word, you change the word's meaning.

Part 1: Prefix Practice

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

1. Mom said I had to wait until my birthday to _____ my presents.
2. We had to _____ the oven before we could put the cookies in.
3. Jon forgot his backpack and had to _____ home to get it.
4. Ashton was sad because she was _____ to get tickets for the concert.
5. Jakob almost fell down because his shoelaces were _____.
6. Tasha can swim _____ for over 1 minute.
7. Sherry was being _____ when she did not tell the truth.
8. Our teacher told us to not _____ on the field trip.

Word Bank: preheat, underwater, misbehave, unable, return, dishonest, unwrap, untied

Part 2: Match Prefixes to Base Words

Prefixes and their meanings:

re--again, back

dis--not

pre--before

un--not, opposite

mis--wrong

under--below

_____play to play again

_____age below age

_____print to print incorrectly or wrongly

_____able not able

_____heat to heat before

_____wind to wind back or again

_____honest not honest

_____treat to treat wrongly or badly

_____tied not tied

_____water below the water

_____happy not happy

_____view to view before

Part 3: Suffix Practice

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 -- _____

Suffixes and their meanings: able - can be done, est - most, er - more, ful - full of, less - without, er - one who

Part 4: Suffix Meaning Match

Choose and write the correct word next to its meaning:

without fear

the most tall

with care, full of care

able to be done, able to do

one who sings

without worth

most young

full of joy, with joy

without care

one who teaches

more slow

able to be read

Word Bank: joyful, fearless, slower, youngest, careful, readable, worthless, singer, careless, teacher, tallest, doable

Part 5: Prefix, Root Word, and Suffix

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.