GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION · YEAR 5

Adding Prefixes and Suffixes

Build new words and explore how their meanings change.

Name _____ **Date** _____

PREFIX
A word part added to the beginning of a root word.

SUFFIX
A word part added to the end of a root word.

1 Prefix builder

Add each prefix to its root word. Write the new word.

PREFIX + ROOT	NEW WORD
re- read	
mis- behave	
un- safe	
mis- understand	

Choose two words. What does each prefix add to the meaning?

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2 Suffix builder

Choose a suffix from the bank to match each clue.

-ful · -less · -ness · -ly

ROOT + CLUE	NEW WORD
help full of help	
care without care	
kind the state of being kind	
quick in a quick way	

3 Complete and classify

Add a prefix or suffix to the root in brackets. Write the complete word, then circle whether you used a prefix (P) or suffix (S).

After the storm, we had to _____ the fence. (build) (P) (S)

The map was _____, so we took a wrong turn. (clear) (P) (S)

Sam answered _____ while the baby was asleep. (quiet) (P) (S)

Her _____ helped the new pupil feel welcome. (kind) (P) (S)

4 Make your own

Choose suitable root words. Use one prefix and one suffix from the banks to make two real words. Write a sentence for each that makes its meaning clear.

Prefixes: un- re- mis- dis- **Suffixes: -ful -less -ment -ness**

MAKE A WORD WITH A PREFIX

Root:

Prefix: New word:

Use it in a sentence:

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MAKE A WORD WITH A SUFFIX

Root:

Suffix: New word:

Use it in a sentence:

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