

Language Arts Warm-Ups

Common Prefixes That Mean “Not”

A **prefix** is a group of letters at the beginning of a word. These are common prefixes that mean “not” or “the opposite of”: **de-**, **dis-**, **im-**, **mis-**, **un-**.

Directions: Using this information about **prefixes**, write a definition for each word on the lines below.

1. disliked: _____
2. decaffeinated: _____
3. impractical: _____
4. misunderstand: _____
5. unreliable: _____

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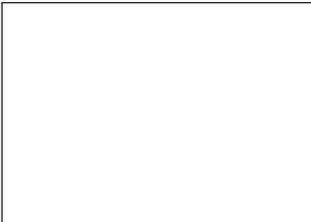
Root Words: *phon* and *phono*

The **root words** *phon* and *phono* mean “sound” or “voice.” Words formed with these root words have to do with things that are heard or said. Many words are formed from these root words.

Directions: Look up the definitions for the words below in a dictionary, and write the definitions on the lines. Then, draw a picture of the object each word represents.

1. 

telephone: _____

2. 

phonograph: _____

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pre-
uni-
tri-
-ous
-ful
root word
prefix

The Suffix *-ly*

The **suffix *-ly*** means “in the manner of.” Since this suffix gives information about a verb, it changes adjectives to adverbs (*shy, shyly*). If ***-ly*** is added to a word that ends in ***y*** and has more than one syllable, the ***y*** is often changed to an ***i*** (*pretty, prettily*).

Directions: Add ***-ly*** to the adjectives below to make adverbs. Write the new words in the blanks. Remember to change the ***y*** to an ***i*** before adding ***-ly***.

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| 1. _____ innocent | 6. _____ tender |
| 2. _____ polite | 7. _____ violent |
| 3. _____ rapid | 8. _____ warm |
| 4. _____ lazy | 9. _____ easy |
| 5. _____ swift | 10. _____ solemn |

Directions: Use one of the new words above in a sentence.

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Using Prefixes, Suffixes, and Root Words

Study the meanings of the **prefixes, suffixes, and root words** below.

Prefix	Meaning
a-	without
auto-	self
em-	in
sym-	together

Root Word	Meaning
aug	increase
bio	life
fict	create
form	shape
graph	write, draw
mot	move
path	feeling

Suffix	Meaning
-ion	act of
-y	in the manner of
-ment	result
-ous	full of

Directions: Choose the words from the word bank that best complete the sentences below. Write the words in the blanks. You may use a dictionary to check your answers.

1. When in _____, the band members all faced the crowd.
2. This novel is found in the library's _____ section.
3. Once the car is in _____, you should keep your hands inside.
4. Her _____ kept her from making friends.

Word Bank

motion formation fiction apathy