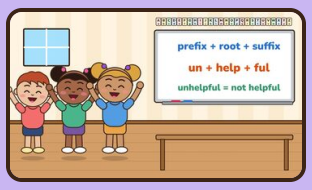
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Prefixes and Suffixes Build Meaning



COMMON CORE
L.4.4.b, RF.4.3.a

VIDEO LENGTH
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L.4.4.b Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., telegraph, photograph, autograph).

RF.4.3.a Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.

Materials: Affix cards, root cards, a word-building mat.

Students will

- Use prefixes un-, dis- (not), re- (again), pre- (before), mis- (wrong).
- Use suffixes -ful, -less, -able, -ness.
- Find the root in words with endings (jumping).
- Take words apart to work out their meanings.

Key words

prefix a word part at the beginning
suffix a word part at the end
root the main part
affix a prefix or suffix

Before the video 2 minutes

Write unhelpful. Ask: “How many parts do you see? What does each part mean?”

What happens in the video

0:00	Welcome and today's goal: prefixes and suffixes
0:19	Take it apart: un-help-ful
0:34	Prefixes: un, dis, re, pre, mis
0:49	Suffixes: -ful, -less, -able, -ness
1:03	Endings: jump, jumps, jumping, jumped
1:19	Spot the mistake: hopeless means without hope
1:36	Your turn! Students answer during each pause (see below)
2:59	Recap and goodbye

Spot the mistake at 1:19

> **Sam:** I know! Hopeless means full of hope!
> **Ivy:** Hmm... what does the suffix less mean?
> **Mia:** Less means without. Hopeless means without hope!
> **Sam:** Oops! Without hope.

- Ask: “What does -less mean?” (Without.)
- Take hopeless apart: hope + less.
- Compare hopeful and hopeless.

Your-turn pauses students answer out loud, then the characters give the answer

TIME	QUESTION	ANSWER IN THE VIDEO
1:37	What does the prefix re mean in reread? Again, or not?	Again! Reread means read again.
1:52	What does careless mean? Without care, or full of care?	Without care! Less means without.
2:05	Which word means not happy? Unhappy, or happiness?	Unhappy! Un means not.
2:19	What does washable mean? Can be washed, or washed again?	Can be washed! Able means can be.
2:33	What is the root of jumping? Jump, or ping?	Jump! I N G is the ending.
2:46	What does misread mean? Read wrong, or read before?	Read wrong! Mis means wrong.

Tip: pause the video a little longer on any question your class finds hard, and ask a student to explain how they know.

After the video: talk about it

1. How do you find the root of a long word?
2. Build a word with a prefix and a suffix.
3. What does disagreeable mean?

Go further

Word math: students write equations like un + kind + ness = unkindness and define the result.

Answer key for the practice page

1. Again
2. Without care
3. unhappy
4. Can be washed
5. jump
6. For example: help – helpful, helpless, unhelpful.

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Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. **What does re- mean in reread?**

   Answer: _____

2. **What does careless mean?**

   Answer: _____

3. **Which means not happy: unhappy or happiness?**

   Answer: _____

4. **What does washable mean?**

   Answer: _____

5. **What is the root of jumping?**

   Answer: _____

6. **Build three words from one root using different affixes. Write their meanings.**

   Answer: _____

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