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| **Vocabulary: Affixes** |
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| **FORM:** |  **Prefix****un-** | **Root****comfort** | **Suffix****-able** |  |
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| **USE:** | Words are built from three elements: roots, prefixes and suffixes. |
|  | 1. | The **“root”** end - basic meaning of the word. |
|  | 2. | The **“prefix”** - comes before the root end and modifies the meaning. |
|  | 3. | The **“suffix”** - follows the root end and shows the grammatical classification or has a definite meaning. |
|  | In **“uncomfortable”**, the root end **“comfort”** means physically or mentally at ease, the prefix **“un”** means not and the suffix **“able”** means capable of being, which tells us that the word is an adjective. |
| **EXAMPLES:** | The word **“uncomfortable”** is an adjective which means not capable of being physically or mentally at ease with something / one.*I never wear that uncomfortable, tight dress; I prefer this loose one.* |

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| **A** | The prefixes listed below mean “not”, the opposite of, or the lack of. |
| **Prefix** | **Example** | **Meaning** | **Example** | **Meaning** |
| dis- | *disadvantage* | no advantage | *discourage* | lack of courage |
| non- | *nonhuman* | not human | *nonviolent* | not violent |
| un- | *untrue* | not true | *unreal* | not real |
| **B** | The prefixes listed below also mean “not”, the opposite of, or the lack of. |
| **Prefix** | **Example** | **Meaning** | **Example** | **Meaning** |
| in- | *inexpensive* | not expensive | *informal* | not formal |
| il- (use before most words that begin with the letter l) | *illegal* | not legal | *illogical* | not logical |
| im - (use before most words that begin with b, m or p) | *imbalance**impatient* | lack of balancenot patient | *immobile* | not mobile |
| ir- (use before most words that begin with the letter r) | *irregular* | not regular | *irrational* | not rational |

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| *Using the meanings of the prefixes from chart A and B, match the following words to the correct meaning.* |

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| 1. | discomfort \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **A.** | a person who gives comfort | **C.** | at ease with |
|  | **B.** | with comfort | **D.** | without comfort |
| 2. | imperfect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |
|  | **A.** | to make perfect | **C.** | to not have a fault or faults |
|  | **B.** | to not be wrong | **D.** | to have a fault or faults |
| 3. | untried \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **A.** | not tried | **C.** | tired before |
|  | **B.** | not tired | **D.** | tired |
| 4. | nonverbal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **A.** | to speak quietly | **C.** | to express with words |
|  | **B.** | not spoken | **D.** | not able to write |
| 5. | inadequate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | **A.** | enough to do | **C.** | not equal  |
|  | **B.** | not enough of | **D.** | more than enough |

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| **C** |  The prefixes listed are more common prefixeswhere meanings will help you to understand new words. |
| **Prefix** | **Meaning** | **Example** | **Meaning** |
| inter - | between | intercultural | between cultures |
| fore - | front, before | foresee | to see before |
| mis- | wrong (ly); bad (ly) | misinform | to inform wrongly |
| pre- | before | prepaid | to pay before |
| re- | back, again | rebuild | to build again |

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| *Write sentences using the following words.* |

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| 1. | misbehave\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |
| 2. | premix\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 3. | intersection\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 4. | return\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 5. | forewarn\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |

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| **D** | Common suffixes used to create adjectives. |
| **Suffix** | **Meaning** | **Example** | **Meaning** |
| -able | capable of | correctable | capable of being corrected |
| -ful | full of | helpful | full of help |
| -ible | having | terrible | having terror |
| -less | without | homeless | without a home (shelter) |
| -ous | full of, like | monstrous | like a monster |

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| *Write definitions for the following words.* |

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| 1. | lovable\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |
| 2. | sensible\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |
| 3. | useless\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |
| 4. | joyous\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |
| 5. | doubtful\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |

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| **E** | Common suffixes used to create nouns. |
| **Suffix** | **Meaning** | **Example** | **Meaning** |
| -er / -or | person / thing that does | blender | a thing that blends (mixes) |
|  |  | doctor | a person who practices medicine |
| -ist/ -ian | person / practice of | pharmacist | a person who prepares prescriptions |
|  |  | comedian | a person who practices comedy |
| -ment | state, act of | advancement | the act of advancing |
| -ness | state / quality of being | sadness | the state of being sad |

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| *Match the following words with the correct meaning.* |

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| 1. | mixer | a. | someone who acts |
| 2. | guardian | b. | the state of being employed |
| 3. | actor | c. | something that mixes |
| 4. | happiness | d. | a person who takes care of |
| 5. | employment | e. | the state of being happy |

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| *Write the PREFIX that forms the opposite of these adjectives and verbs.* |

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| 1. \_\_\_\_happy | 5. \_\_\_\_patient | 9. \_\_\_\_polite | 13. \_\_\_\_legal |
| 2. \_\_\_\_correct | 6. \_\_\_\_regular | 10. \_\_\_\_visible | 14. \_\_\_\_possible |
| 3. \_\_\_\_legible | 7. \_\_\_\_friendly | 11. \_\_\_\_employed | 15. \_\_\_\_honest |
| 4. \_\_\_\_pack | 8. \_\_\_\_lock | 12. \_\_\_\_agree | 16. \_\_\_\_appear |

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| *Complete the verbs in these sentences.* |

1. I’m sorry, I *mis*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her message completely.

2. We *un*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as soon as we got to the hotel, then went out for a walk.

3. She was here a minute ago, but then she *dis*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I don’t know where

 she went.

4. We usually have similar opinions, but I totally *dis*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with him on this subject.

5. My homework was so bad that I had to *re*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

6. Her alarm clock didn’t go off and she *over*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Sandra finally managed to *un*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the door, and we were able to go inside.

8. I *dis*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the movie, but everyone else enjoyed it.

9. I don’t think I’ll pass the exam, but I can *re*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it in September.

10. Jason wrapped my present so well that it took me five minutes to *un*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

11. I was so tired that I fell asleep without getting *un*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

12. My spell checker corrects my mistakes whenever I *mis*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a word.

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| *Agree with these statements, using one word that has the same meaning as the underlined words.*  |

1. It’s against the law, isn’t it?

 Oh yes,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Bacteria can’t be seen without a microscope.

 That’s right. They’re practically\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. David’s handwriting is impossible to read.

 Yes, I know,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. She can never wait for five minutes.

 Oh no,\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. I thought it was rude.

 Yes, it was very\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. He doesn’t have a job.

 That’s right. He’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.