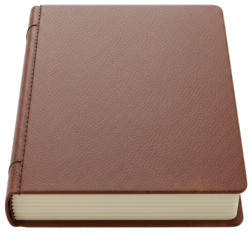
Prefix and Suffix Meanings

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Remember: A **prefix** goes at the start of a word; a **suffix** goes at the end. Each one changes the meaning: **re** = again, **un** = not, **pre** = before, **-ful** = full of, **-less** = without, **-er** = a person who.

Example: reread = read **again** · hope**less** = **without** hope



1. What does it mean?

Circle the meaning of each word.

1. **rewrite** (a) write again (b) not write (c) write before
2. **unhappy** (a) very happy (b) not happy (c) happy again
3. **preheat** (a) heat again (b) heat before (c) not heat
4. **colourful** (a) without colour (b) full of colour (c) a person who colours
5. **fearless** (a) full of fear (b) without fear (c) fear again
6. **baker** (a) a person who bakes (b) baked before (c) not baked
7. **unlock** (a) lock again (b) the opposite of lock (c) lock before
8. **careful** (a) full of care (b) without care (c) care again

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2. Prefix or suffix?

Is the added part in each word a prefix or a suffix?

1	replay	prefix	suffix
2	thankful	prefix	suffix
3	unkind	prefix	suffix
4	helpless	prefix	suffix
5	preview	prefix	suffix
6	teacher	prefix	suffix

Answer Key

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1. What does it mean?

1. rewrite	**a write again**	b not write	c write before
2. unhappy	a very happy	**b not happy**	c happy again
3. preheat	a heat again	**b heat before**	c not heat
4. colourful	a without colour	**b full of colour**	c a person who colours
5. fearless	a full of fear	**b without fear**	c fear again
6. baker	**a a person who bakes**	b baked before	c not baked
7. unlock	a lock again	**b the opposite of lock**	c lock before
8. careful	**a full of care**	b without care	c care again

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