Prefixes, Suffixes and Root Words

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: The **root word** is the main part of a word. A **prefix** is added before it, and a **suffix** after it: **un** + lock + **ed**.

Cover it up: put your finger over the prefix or suffix. The word that is left is the root.



1. Find the root word

Circle the root word.

1. The root word in disagree is _____. (dis) (agree) (gree)
2. The root word in painless is _____. (pain) (less) (pai)
3. The root word in rebuild is _____. (re) (uild) (build)
4. The root word in kindness is _____. (ness) (kind) (kin)
5. The root word in misspell is _____. (spell) (miss) (mis)
6. The root word in slowly is _____. (low) (ly) (slow)

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2. Name the part

Circle the prefix or suffix in each word.

1. In unfair, the prefix is _____. (un) (fair) (air)
2. In joyful, the suffix is _____. (joy) (ful) (oy)
3. In preschool, the prefix is _____. (school) (pres) (pre)
4. In painter, the suffix is _____. (er) (paint) (ter)

Answer Key

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1. Find the root word

1. The root word in disagree is **agree**. — dis, **agree**, gree
2. The root word in painless is **pain**. — **pain**, less, pai
3. The root word in rebuild is **build**. — re, uild, **build**
4. The root word in kindness is **kind**. — ness, **kind**, kin
5. The root word in misspell is **spell**. — **spell**, miss, mis
6. The root word in slowly is **slow**. — low, ly, **slow**

2. Name the part

1. In unfair, the prefix is **un**. — **un**, fair, air
2. In joyful, the suffix is **ful**. — joy, **ful**, oy
3. In preschool, the prefix is **pre**. — school, pres, **pre**
4. In painter, the suffix is **er**. — **er**, paint, ter