Prefixes: add to the front

Classes 3–5 · A prefix changes a word's meaning. Join the parts, write the new word and read it aloud.

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Prefix	Means	Make new words
un-	not	un + happy = _____ un + kind = _____ un + lock = _____ un + tidy = _____
re-	again	re + read = _____ re + write = _____ re + fill = _____ re + build = _____
dis-	not / opposite	dis + like = _____ dis + agree = _____ dis + appear = _____ dis + obey = _____
pre-	before	pre + view = _____ pre + school = _____ pre + heat = _____ pre + pay = _____
mis-	wrongly	mis + spell = _____ mis + read = _____ mis + place = _____ mis + behave = _____

Use it

1. The room was so _____ (un + tidy) that I could not find my shoes.
2. Please _____ (re + write) the sentence neatly.
3. I _____ (dis + like) cold tea.
4. Oops, I _____ (mis + spelt) my name!

Suffixes: add to the end

Classes 3–5 · A suffix changes a word's meaning or job. Watch the spelling: bake + er = baker (drop the e).

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Suffix	Means	Make new words
-ful	full of	help + ful = _____ care + ful = _____ colour + ful = _____ joy + ful = _____
-less	without	help + less = _____ care + less = _____ fear + less = _____ end + less = _____
-er	a person who	teach + er = _____ farm + er = _____ paint + er = _____ bake + er = _____
-ly	in a … way	quick + ly = _____ slow + ly = _____ kind + ly = _____ loud + ly = _____
-able	can be	wash + able = _____ read + able = _____ enjoy + able = _____ break + able = _____

Use it

1. Thank you for being so _____ (help + ful).
2. The puppy walked _____ (slow + ly) to its bowl.
3. Our school bus driver is very _____ (care + ful).
4. A _____ (paint + er) painted our classroom.