

### English Language Development



- Prefixes are the word parts that come BEFORE a word and change the meaning of the word a little bit.
- Suffixes are the word parts that come AFTER a word and change the meaning of the word a little bit.
- Some of the most commonly used prefixes in the English language are: un-, pre-, re-, and dis-.
- Some of the most commonly used suffixes in the English language are: -ful, -less, -er, -est, and -ly.
- When you know the meanings of the most common prefixes and suffixes, you can understand what many more words mean by thinking about what the base word means + what the prefix or suffix means to come up with a definition for the word!

### Writing Connection

Write about your week! Try to use at least one prefix or suffix in each sentence.  
Circle the prefix or suffix and explain what it means to a family member!



### Prefix/Suffix

un- : not  
pre- : before  
re- : again  
dis- : no, not  
mis- : wrong  
-ful : full of  
-less : without  
-est : most  
-ly : how it is done  
-er : more

### Home Connections and Reading Tips

How many real words can you make with the following prefixes, base words, and suffixes? If you're not sure if it is a real word or not, use a dictionary or look the word up online! Can you use one in a sentence?

Prefixes	Base Words	Suffixes
un-	honest	-ful
pre-	help	-less
re-	cool	-est
dis-	happy	-ly
mis-	sweet	-er