

# Prefix or Suffix

## Directions

1. Remind your child about prefixes and suffixes.
  - A **prefix** is a word part that is added to the beginning of a base word that changes its meaning. Examples of prefixes are **un-**, **re-**, **in-**. When the prefix **un-** is added to the base word **lucky**, the word changes from lucky to **unlucky**. The prefix **un-** means “not,” so unlucky means not lucky.
  - A **suffix** is a word part that is added to the end of a base word that changes its meaning. Examples of suffixes include **-er**, **-ful**, **-less**. When the suffix **-er** is added to the base **work**, the word changes from work to **worker**. The suffix **-er** means “one who,” so worker means one who works.
2. Provide your child with the activity sheet.
3. Cut out the word cards, shuffle, and place face down in a stack.
4. Ask your child to select a word card from the stack and read the word. Help your child blend the word parts together if needed.
5. Ask your child to:
  - Write the word in the word column of the activity sheet.

respectful

- Underline the base word (a word that can stand alone and has meaning).

respectful

- Circle the prefix if there is one.
- Circle the suffix if there is one.

respectful

- Write prefix or suffix based on what was circled.

suffix

- Discuss the meaning of any unknown words.
- Repeat these steps for each word in the Key.

## Key

Word	Prefix or Suffix
respectful	suffix
preheat	prefix
unhappy	prefix
nonfat	prefix
untie	prefix
refresh	prefix
careful	suffix
disappear	prefix
return	prefix
unspoken	prefix
misspoke	prefix
careless	suffix
fearless	suffix
badly	suffix
eagerly	suffix
painful	suffix
boldly	suffix
recall	prefix
unwell	prefix
nonsense	prefix
disagree	prefix
misbehave	prefix
safely	suffix
mouthful	suffix
nonfiction	prefix
mislead	prefix
helpful	suffix

## Prefix or Suffix Activity Sheet

Word	Prefix or Suffix
<u>respect</u> ful	suffix





**respectful**

**preheat**

**unhappy**

**nonfat**

**untie**

**refresh**

**careful**

**disappear**



**return**

**unspoken**

**misspoke**

**careless**

**fearless**

**badly**

**eagerly**

**painful**



**boldly**

**recall**

**unwell**

**nonsense**

**disagree**

**misbehave**

**safely**

**mouthful**



**nonfiction**

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