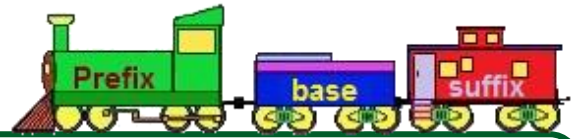# Prefixes: dis- non- un-

A prefix is a word part that is added to the front of a base word to change the meaning of that word. More than one prefix may mean the same thing.

Examples:
the prefixes *dis-, non-*, and *un-* mean "not," or "the opposite of."

dis + approve = disapprove(not approve)
non + toxic = nontoxic (not toxic)
un + happy = unhappy (not happy)

A. Add the correct prefix to the front of each base word to make a new word.

dis-   non-   un-

1. zip _____

2. honest _____

3. fat _____

4. agree _____

5. ripe _____

6. pleasant _____

7. stop _____

8. respect _____

9. fair _____

10. obey _____

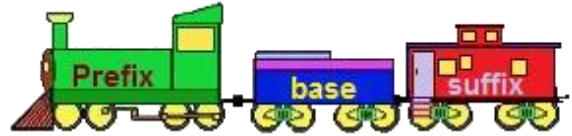**B. Use the words you made above to complete each sentence.**

1. Haley knew it was _____ to copy her sister's homework.

2. Luke could not _____ his jacket.

3. Claire ate some _____ yogurt before going for a run.

4. Gloria did not tolerate _____ from anyone.

5. Phil worked _____ on his project.

6. Cameron and Mitchell _____ about everything.

7. Jay had an _____ time at the party.

8. Manny would never _____ his mother.

9. Lily ate the banana even though it was still _____.

10. Alex felt her teacher was being _____.

Add the Prefix

Fill in the charts by adding the prefix to the base word. If the prefix and base word do not make a real word, put an "X" in the box.
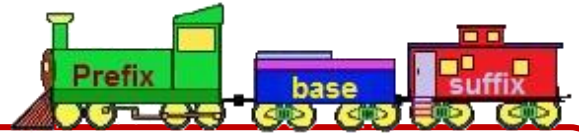
Base word	re-	mis-	un-	in-
1. match				
2. load				
3. take				
4. tied				
5. cut				
6. connect				
7. direct				
8. shape				

Base word	dis-	pre-	out-	over-
1. board				
2. load				
3. take				
4. count				
5. charge				
6. view				
7. qualify				
8. order				

Suffixes: -able -ment -ness

Prefix   base   suffix

A suffix is a word part that is added to the end of a base word. A suffix usually changes the meaning of the word.

Examples:

The suffix **-able** means "able to be."   pass + able = passable (able to pass)
The suffix **-ment** means "the act of."   move + ment = movement (the act of moving)
The suffix **-ness** means "being."   kind + ness = kindness (being kind)

Circle the correct suffix to go with each base word. Then use the new word in a sentence.

1. **depend**   -able   -ment   -ness   Sentence: _____

_____

2. **sad**   -able   -ment   -ness   Sentence: _____

_____

3. **amaze**   -able   -ment   -ness   Sentence: _____

_____

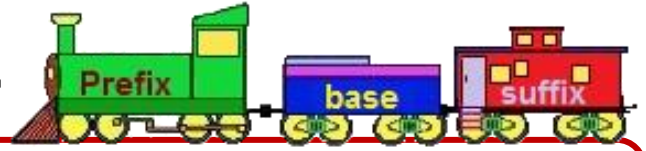4. **manage** -able   -ment   -ness   Sentence: _____

_____

5. **soft**   -able   -ment   -ness   Sentence: _____

_____

6. **accept**   -able   -ment   -ness   Sentence: _____

_____

Suffixes: Silent "e" Rule

Sometimes the base word must change when a suffix is added.

Silent "e" Rule
When a base word ends with a silent "e" and the suffix begins with a vowel, leave the "e" out.

Examples:
like + ing = liking
tame + able = tamable
wide + est = widest

A. Underline the silent "e" in each base word. Then add the suffix in parentheses to make a new word. Be sure to apply the silent "e" rule!

1. ride (-ing)   _____

2. rate (-ed)   _____

3. store (-able) _____

4. fame (-ous)   _____

5. ripe (-est)   _____

6. joke (-er)   _____

7. state (-ed)   _____

8. tune (-ing)   _____

B. Underline the silent "e" in each base word. Then add the suffix in parentheses to make a new word. Remember, you do not need to apply the silent "e" rule if the suffix begins with a consonant.

1. slide (-ing)   _____

2. pride (-ful)   _____

3. take (-er)   _____

4. smoke (-less) _____

5. place (-ed)   _____

6. trade (-able)   _____

7. cute (-ness)   _____

8. blame (-less)   _____

9. state (-ment)   _____

10. ice (-ing)   _____

C. Write four more silent "e" words that end with the *-ing* suffix. You may not use any words from this page.

1. _____

2. _____
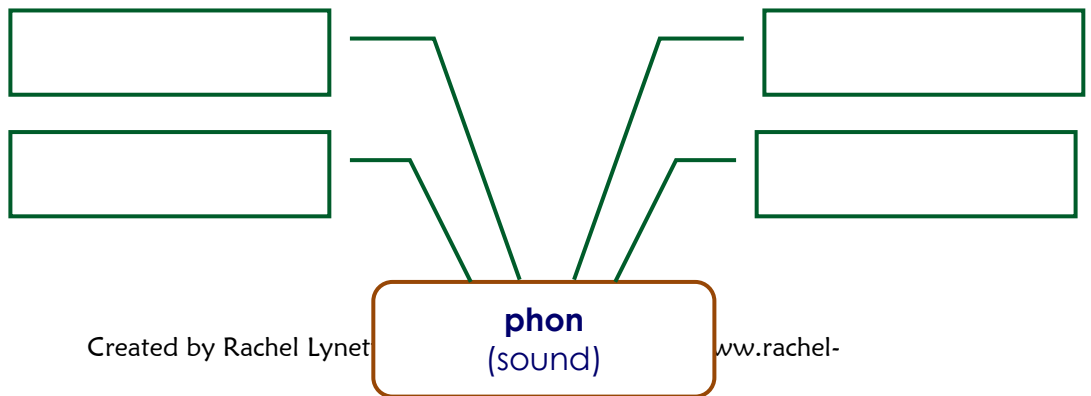
3. _____

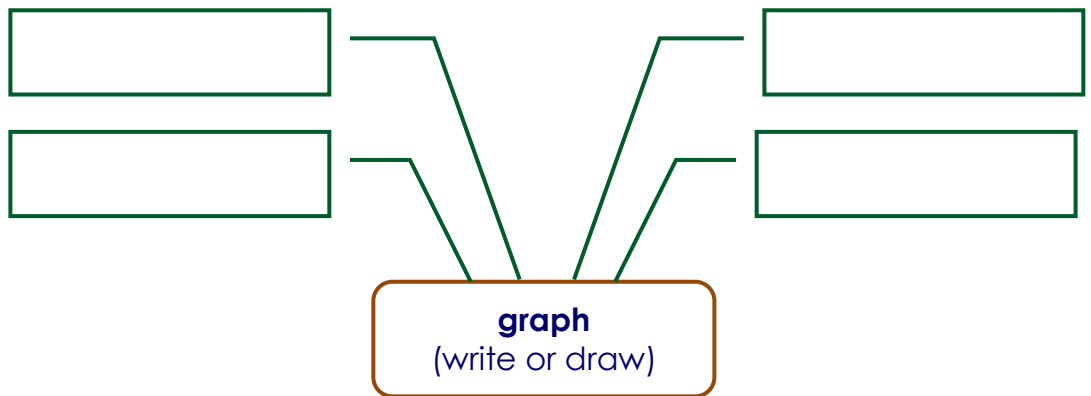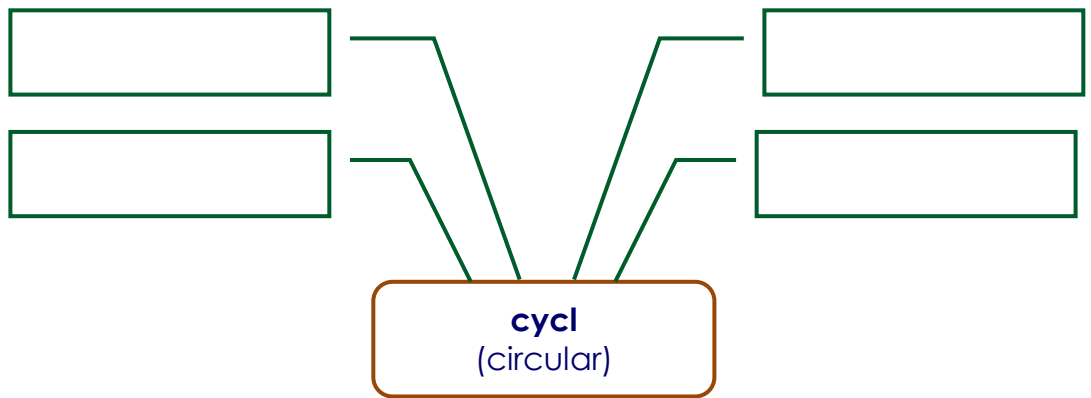4. _____

What are Word Roots?

A word root is a word or word part that contains the basic meaning of the word. The meaning can be changed by combining two or more roots or by adding prefixes and suffixes. Knowing the meaning of roots can help you understand new words.

Words grow from roots a little like a tree grows from roots.

Complete each word tree by taking words with the correct roots the box. Underline the root in each word.

cycl
(circular)

autograph

bicycle

cyclone

graphite

microphone

paragraph

photograph

recycle

symphony

telephone

unicycle

xylophone

graph
(write or draw)

phon
(sound)

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Answer Keys

Prefixes: non- dis- un-

A.
1. unzip
1. dishonest
2. nonfat
3. disagree
4. unripe

5. unpleasant
6. nonstop
7. disrespect
8. unfair
9. disobey

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Add the Prefix

Base word	re-	mis-	un-	in-
9. match	rematch	mismatch	x	x
10. load	reload	x	unload	x
11. take	retake	mistake	x	intake
12. tied	retied	x	untied	x
13. cut	x	x	uncut	x
14. connect	reconnect	misconnect	x	x
15. direct	redirect	misdirect	x	indirect
16. shape	reshape	x	x	x

Base word	dis-	pre-	out-	over-
9. board	x	x	outboard	overboard
10. load	x	preload	x	overload
11. take	x	x	outtake	overtake
12. count	discount	x	x	x
13. charge	discharge	x	x	overcharge
14. view	x	preview	x	overview
15. qualify	disqualify	prequalify	x	x
16. order	disorder	preorder	x	x

Suffixes: -able -ment -ness

1. dependable
2. sadness
(sentences will vary)
3. amazement
4. management
5. softness
6. acceptable

Suffixes: Silent "e" Rule

A.
1. rid<u>e</u> riding
2. rat<u>e</u> rated
3. stor<u>e</u> storable
4. fam<u>e</u> famous
5. rip<u>e</u> ripest
6. jok<u>e</u> joker
7. stat<u>e</u> stated
8. tun<u>e</u> tuning

B.
1. slid<u>e</u> sliding
2. prid<u>e</u> prideful
3. tak<u>e</u> taker
4. smok<u>e</u> smokeless
5. plac<u>e</u> placed
6. trad<u>e</u> tradable
7. cut<u>e</u> cuteness
8. blam<u>e</u> blameless
9. stat<u>e</u> statement
10. ic<u>e</u> icing

C. answers will vary

What are Root Words?

cycle: bi<u>cycle</u>, <u>cycl</u>one, re<u>cycle</u>, uni<u>cycle</u>
graph: auto<u>graph</u>, <u>graph</u>ite, para<u>graph</u>, photo<u>graph</u>
phon: micro<u>phon</u>e, sym<u>phon</u>y, tele<u>phon</u>e, xylo<u>phon</u>e