

Prefixes & Suffixes — Spot the Chunk

Un-, re-, dis-, -ful, -less and more change a word's meaning, not just its tense. This worksheet from the prefixes-and-suffixes-phonics guide practices spotting each chunk, one group per page.

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How to use this worksheet

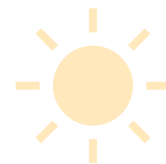
- 1 Cover the second chunk with a finger. Read the first chunk alone.
- 2 Cover the first chunk instead. Read the second chunk alone.
- 3 Say both chunks together, and say what the whole word means.
- 4 Write the complete word on the blank line — watch for spelling changes like y to i (happy + ness -> happiness).

Example — this is what a correct answer looks like:

un + happy -> **unhappy**

Tip

Unlike the -ing/-ed/-er suffix rules, these chunks change meaning, not just tense — always say the meaning out loud, not just the spelling.



un- (not / opposite) — Spot the Chunk

Read each chunk, say the meaning, then write the whole word.

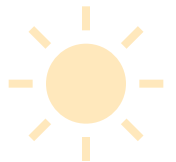
un + happy -> _____

un + fair -> _____

un + lock -> _____

un + do -> _____

un + kind -> _____



re- (again) — Spot the Chunk

Read each chunk, say the meaning, then write the whole word.

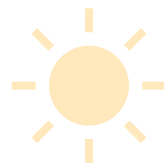
re + do -> _____

re + play -> _____

re + write -> _____

re + turn -> _____

re + start -> _____



dis- (opposite / not) — Spot the Chunk

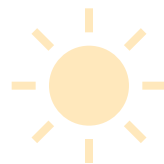
Read each chunk, say the meaning, then write the whole word.

dis + like -> _____

dis + agree -> _____

dis + appear -> _____

dis + obey -> _____



pre- (before) — Spot the Chunk

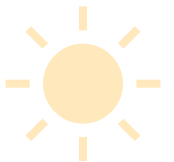
Read each chunk, say the meaning, then write the whole word.

pre + view -> _____

pre + school -> _____

pre + pay -> _____

pre + pare -> _____



mis- (wrongly) — Spot the Chunk

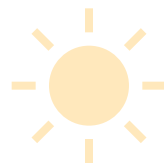
Read each chunk, say the meaning, then write the whole word.

mis + spell -> _____

mis + read -> _____

mis + take -> _____

mis + understand -> _____



-ful (full of) — Spot the Chunk

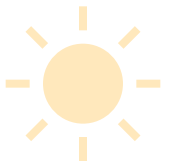
Read each chunk, say the meaning, then write the whole word.

care + ful -> _____

help + ful -> _____

color + ful -> _____

play + ful -> _____



-less (without) — Spot the Chunk

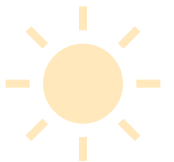
Read each chunk, say the meaning, then write the whole word.

care + less -> _____

fear + less -> _____

help + less -> _____

end + less -> _____



-ness (state of being) — Spot the Chunk

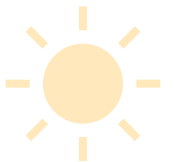
Read each chunk, say the meaning, then write the whole word.

happy + ness -> _____

dark + ness -> _____

kind + ness -> _____

sad + ness -> _____



-ly (in a certain way) — Spot the Chunk

Read each chunk, say the meaning, then write the whole word.

quick + ly -> _____

quiet + ly -> _____

slow + ly -> _____

happy + ly -> _____

