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 + **do** -> _____

un + **fair** -> _____

un + **kind** -> _____

un + **lock** -> _____

re- (again) — Spot the Chunk

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

re + **do** -> _____

re + **turn** -> _____

re + **play** -> _____

re + **start** -> _____

re + **write** -> _____

dis- (opposite / not) — Spot the Chunk

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

dis + **like** -> _____

dis + **appear** -> _____

dis + **agree** -> _____

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 + **heat** -> _____

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** -> _____

color + **ful** -> _____

help + **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.

good + **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** -> _____

soft + **ly** -> _____