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.

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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: ________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________________

pass + able = passable (able to pass)  
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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 = tabale  
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.

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

- cycl (circular)
- graph (write or draw)
- phon (sound)

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

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Answer Keys

Prefixes: non- dis- un-

A.  
1. unzip  
2. dishonest  
3. nonfat  
4. disagree  
5. unpleasant  
6. nonstop  
7. disrespect  
8. unfair  
9. disobey

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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. ride riding  
2. rate rated  
3. store storable  
4. fame famous  
5. ripe ripest  
6. joke joker  
7. state stated  
8. tune tuning  

B.
1. slide sliding  
2. pride prideful  
3. take taker  
4. smoke smokeless  
5. place placed  
6. trade tradable  
7. cute cuteness  
8. blame blameless  
9. state statement  
10. ice icing  

C. answers will vary

What are Root Words?

cycle: bicycle, cyclone, recycle, unicycle

graph: autograph, graphite, paragraph, photograph

phon: microphone, symphony, telephone, xylophone