



Graphophonemic Knowledge | Morphemes: Prefixes and Suffixes

## GK-78 Building Words Using Prefixes

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Students use prefixes with different root words to build real and nonsense words.

**MATERIALS:** Word list, colored index cards, marker

- Teach the definition:  
**Prefixes are small but meaningful groups of letters added to the front of a base or root word adding to the meaning of the word.**
- Write commonly used prefixes and root words on colored index cards, one prefix or root per card. Use one color for prefixes and another color for root words.
- Distribute a set of cards to each student or team.
- Students rearrange the cards to build and then pronounce both real and nonsense words.

**EXAMPLE:** For additional prefixes, see VOC-25, page 132.

Common Prefixes		
Prefix	Meaning	Examples
dis	not, apart, from	dishonest, discover, disagree
en, em	cause to	enjoy, enable, employ, embarrass
in, im	not	indirect, incomplete, impossible
mis	wrongly	misbehave, miscopy, mistake
non	not, opposite of	nonfiction, nonstop, nonviolent
over	too much, above	overjoyed, overcook, overgrown
pre	before	prepaid, prebake, predawn
re	back, again	return, redo, revisit, rewind
sub	under, lower	submarine, subzero, subhuman
un	not	unhappy, unhealthy, unwise



**PREPARATION OF MATERIALS:** Print the Prefix Cards on one color of paper and the Base Word Cards on different colored paper. Cut the cards apart. Follow the directions for play.

Prefix Cards		
dis	en	em
in	im	mis
non	over	pre
re	sub	un

Base Word Cards
honest
able
direct
possible

Base Word Cards
cover
ploy
complete
behave

Base Word Cards
fiction
paid
visit
happy

Base Word Cards
grown
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