

Vocabulary • Word Structure

- A **prefix** is a word part added to the beginning of a word. A **suffix** is added to the end of a word. **Prefixes** and **suffixes** can help you figure out the meaning of a word you don't know.
- The **prefixes** *un-* and *dis-* mean "not" or "the opposite of." The **suffix** *-ful* means "full of."

Directions Read each pair of sentences. Circle the word that has the same meaning as the underlined words.

- The girl pushed ahead of me in line. That is not fair.
unfair unhappy
- Climbing this mountain is too hard. I am not able to do it.
disease unable
- My father did not climb the ladder. He is full of fear high above the ground.
under fearful
- He does not keep his word. That's why I do not trust him.
distrust untrue
- That dog is mean. I do not like her.
hateful dislike

Directions Read each sentence. Circle the underlined word that best fits the sentence.

- My room is in such disorder/unclear, I can't find anything.
- A hammer is a very unused/useful tool for nailing things together.
- My mother disapproves/unlike of my staying up late.
- The strong man had a very unfair/powerful handshake.
- Please unzip/disappear your jacket and hang it in the closet.



Home Activity Your child identified and used prefixes and suffixes to understand new words. Read a story or magazine article together and encourage looking for words with prefixes and suffixes. Help your child use prefixes and suffixes to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words.