

## Vocabulary • Word Structure

- Sometimes you may come across words you do not know. You can look to see if the base word has a **prefix** at the beginning or a **suffix** at the end that helps you figure out the meaning.
- The **prefix** *un-* makes a word mean “not” or “the opposite of.” For example, *unhappy* means “not happy.”
- The **suffix** *-ly* makes a word mean “in a \_\_\_\_ way.” For example, *slowly* means “in a slow way.”

**Directions** Read each sentence. One word is underlined in each sentence. Circle the prefix *un-* or suffix *-ly* in the underlined word. Then circle the correct meaning of the word.

1. When I unloaded the heavy things from the bike, it was easy to ride.  
 took off                      put on
2. I was deeply pleased when I won the prize.  
 a strongly felt way        very low
3. The boy stood dangerously close to the edge of the cliff.  
 in an unsafe way            in an angry way
4. She unwrapped the gift and found ice skates inside.  
 took off the cover          did not open
5. He laughed gleefully when he won the spelling bee.  
 in a silly way                in a happy way
6. After the hike, we returned wearily to our tents and went to sleep.  
 very quickly                in a tired way
7. My father proudly gave me a hug when he saw my report card.  
 in a loud way                in a pleased way
8. I untied the bundle of coins and gave my sister a dime.  
 opened                        spilled



**Home Activity** Your child used prefixes and suffixes to figure out the meaning of words. With your child, read a story about a person who gets a part-time job to earn money. Encourage your child to find words that have prefixes and suffixes and to use them to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words.