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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.

1. The girl pushed ahead of me in line. That is not fair.

unfair unhappy

2. Climbing this mountain is too hard. I am not able to do it.

disease unable

3. My father did not climb the ladder. He is full of fear high above the ground.

under fearful

4. He does not keep his word. That's why I do not trust him.

distrust untrue

5. That dog is mean. I do not like her.

hateful dislike

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

6. My room is in such disorder/unclear, I can't find anything.

7. A hammer is a very unused/useful tool for nailing things together.

8. My mother disapproves/unlike of my staying up late.

9. The strong man had a very unfair/powerful handshake.

10. 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.