

Build-a-Word

Base Words & Affixes

8 Prefix Cards
9 Suffix Cards
80 Base Word Cards
2 student recording sheets

Students can mix and match to create over 300 words with affixes.

sad -ness

re- wash -ing

dis- like

Directions

1. Create words using at least one prefix or suffix and one base word. Challenge: See how many words you can create that has both a prefix and suffix
2. Mix-and-Match to make as many words as possible.
3. Write your words down on the student recording sheet. Explain how adding the prefix or suffix changes the meaning of the word.

Teacher Tips

1. Print, cut and laminate for long-term use.
2. Use as part of guided reading instruction, guided practice, or independent practice in a work-station.
3. Give each student a set of cards, say a word out loud, have the students create the word using the word cards.

pre-

un-

re-

dis-

mis-

bi-

in-

ex-

-ing

-ed

-ly

-er

-less

-ness

-est

-ful

-able

joy

hope

kind

play

view

place

fast

small

help

wash

sing

teach

like

name

do

fill

pay

run

say

love

zip

smart

quickly

rest

spoon

plant

test

care

hurt

talk

agree

fair

read

spell

neat

write

build

rich

finish

forget

friend

act

trust

make

start

mix

believe

search

judge

comfort

fish

laugh

sad

happy

match

cycle

week

honest

obey

seen

even

hook

fair

cook

heat

charge

paint

able

own

arm

turn

fund

real

call

done

glad

hard

time

close

fear

Name: _____

Student Recording Sheet

Base Word	Definition	New Word With Prefix/Suffix	New Meaning

Name: _____

Student Recording Sheet

Base Word	Definition	New Word With Prefix/Suffix	New Meaning

Name: _____

Student Recording Sheet

Prefix/Suffix



Words using this affix:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Prefix/Suffix



Words using this affix:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Prefix/Suffix



Words using this affix:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

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