



Roots, Prefixes & Suffixes

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: The student was displeased with her grade, so she celebrated happily.

Rewrite: _____

2. Fix the sentence: The nonfiction book told an imaginary story about a dragon and a wizard.

Rewrite: _____

3. Fix the sentence: He overslept and arrived at school thirty minutes early.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The prefix un- means "not," so if something is unclear, it is not _____.
2. Adding the prefix dis- to "agree" creates _____, which means to have a different opinion.
3. A _____ area in an airport is a section where smoking is not allowed, because non- means not.
4. The prefix over- means "too much," so to _____ a plant means to give it too much water.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Explain what the prefix dis- means and give two words that use it. Tell what each word means.

2. How are the prefixes un- and non- alike? How can knowing them help you figure out new words? Give an example.

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: The student was displeased with her grade, so she celebrated happily.

Rewrite: The student was displeased with her grade, so she asked the teacher how to improve.

2. Fix the sentence: The nonfiction book told an imaginary story about a dragon and a wizard.

Rewrite: The nonfiction book told a true story based on real events and facts.

3. Fix the sentence: He overslept and arrived at school thirty minutes early.

Rewrite: He overslept and arrived at school thirty minutes late.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The prefix un- means "not," so if something is unclear, it is not clear.
2. Adding the prefix dis- to "agree" creates disagree, which means to have a different opinion.
3. A nonsmoking area in an airport is a section where smoking is not allowed, because non- means not.
4. The prefix over- means "too much," so to overwater a plant means to give it too much water.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Explain what the prefix dis- means and give two words that use it. Tell what each word means.

The prefix dis- means "not" or "the opposite of." The word disconnect means to separate something that was joined. The word dishonest means not honest or truthful.

2. How are the prefixes un- and non- alike? How can knowing them help you figure out new words? Give an example.

Both un- and non- mean "not." If I see the word "nonessential," I know it means not essential or not required, even if I have never seen the word before.
