

Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of a word.

Affixes and Inflections

Instruction

Teach students the meanings of the following prefixes and suffixes. Show students how adding these prefixes and suffixes to words changes the meanings of the words.

-ed	in the past
-s	more than one
re-	again
un-	not
pre-	before
-ful	full of
-less	without, a smaller amount
-er, -or	person connected with
-er	more
-est	most
-ing	in the present

Word Card Activity

Instruct the student to read the word, with help if needed. The student should make a new word using the word card and the prefixes and suffixes on the board.

The team that makes the most words using the root words and affixes wins.

Word Card List

Here are some suggested root words to use for word cards.

rest	sleep	car
big	walk	do
hot	happy	play
sad	paint	test
wet	cheer	wash
help	book	teach