



# ESL Vocabulary Worksheet for Adults

## Topic: Prefixes & Suffixes

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### EXERCISE 1: Prefix Matching Worksheet: Match Prefixes to Their Meaning

**Instructions: Match the prefix in column A with its meaning in column B.**

#### Column A (Prefix)

un-

pre-

dis-

#### Column B (Meaning)

before

not

opposite of

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|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| re-    | again    |
| mis-   | wrongly  |
| over-  | too much |
| sub-   | under    |
| inter- | between  |
| trans- | across   |
| super- | above    |



## EXERCISE 2: Suffix Matching Worksheet: Match Suffixes to Their Meaning

**Instructions: Match the suffix in column A with its meaning in column B**

| Column A (Suffix) | Column B (Meaning) |
|-------------------|--------------------|
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|-------|-----------------------------|
| -ment | having the nature of        |
| -ity  | full of                     |
| -ous  | to make                     |
| -ive  | without                     |
| -al   | quality                     |
| -tion | result of                   |
| -ful  | action or process           |
| -less | relating to                 |
| -ness | state of being              |
| -ize  | possessing the qualities of |



### EXERCISE 3: Prefix & Suffix Multiple-Choice Sentences

**Instructions: Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.**

1. The project was \_\_\_\_\_ (unsuccessful/unsuccessfulness) due to poor planning.
2. She has a tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ (misinterpret/misinterpretation) my instructions.
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ (reappearance/reappear) was unexpected at the event.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ (overload/overloaded) truck could not make it up the hill.
5. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ (subdivide/subdivision) this area for better management.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ (interaction/interactive) between the two was fascinating to observe.
7. Her \_\_\_\_\_ (happiness/happyful) is contagious to everyone around her.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ (modernize/modernization) of the old building took years.
9. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ (possibility/possible) that we will have to cancel the trip.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ (cultural/culture) festival was a celebration of diversity.



### EXERCISE 4: Prefix Multiple Choice Word Questions

**Instructions: Choose the correct prefix to form a word that fits in the context of the sentences.**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (un-/re-/mis-) known artist suddenly became famous.
2. His \_\_\_\_\_ (dis-/pre-/trans-) approval of the plan was evident.
3. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ (de-/ex-/inter-) centralize its operations.
4. After the accident, she had to \_\_\_\_\_ (re-/dis-/un-) learn how to walk.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ (anti-/pro-/bi-) biotic medication was prescribed to fight the infection.

### EXERCISE 5: Suffix Multiple Choice Word Questions

**Instructions: Choose the correct suffix to form a word that fits in the context of the sentences.**

1. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ (-ness/-ment/-ity) after completing the marathon.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ (-ful/-less/-ous) child could not find her parents.
3. There is a high \_\_\_\_\_ (-ance/-tion/-ment) of rain this afternoon.
4. He showed great \_\_\_\_\_ (-ity/-ness/-dom) in solving the complex problem.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ (-er/-ist/-ian) was very knowledgeable about ancient Roman history.

### EXERCISE 6: Prefixes That Make Opposites and Negatives

**Instructions: Write the opposite of the given word by adding the correct prefix.**

1. Legal \_\_\_\_\_
2. Regular \_\_\_\_\_
3. Possible \_\_\_\_\_
4. Active \_\_\_\_\_
5. Social \_\_\_\_\_
6. Formal \_\_\_\_\_
7. Logical \_\_\_\_\_
8. Patient \_\_\_\_\_
9. Mature \_\_\_\_\_
10. Personal \_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE 7: Prefix Word Association Exercise

**Instructions: Write down the first word that comes to mind that includes the given prefix.**

1. anti- \_\_\_\_\_
2. co- \_\_\_\_\_
3. ex- \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. in-\_\_\_\_\_
- 5. post-\_\_\_\_\_
- 6. pro-\_\_\_\_\_
- 7. semi-\_\_\_\_\_
- 8. sub-\_\_\_\_\_
- 9. super-\_\_\_\_\_
- 10. tri\_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE 8: Root Word Sorting

**Instructions:** Sort the following words into the table based on their root word.

**Words:** *preheat, joyful, submarine, teacher, rewrite, movement, disagree, predict, overcook, react, actor, happiness.*

| Root Word | Words Using the Root |
|-----------|----------------------|
| joy       |                      |
| agree     |                      |
| write     |                      |
| move      |                      |

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|---------|--|
| heat    |  |
| marine  |  |
| cook    |  |
| act     |  |
| teach   |  |
| react   |  |
| predict |  |
| happy   |  |



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