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Physical warm-ups help athletes prepare for more strenuous types of activity. Mental warm-ups help students prepare for the day’s lesson while reviewing what they have previously learned.

The short warm-up activities presented in this book provide teachers and parents with a variety of ways for students to practice and reinforce the skills they have already learned. Each page contains five warm-ups—one for each day of the week. Used at the beginning of class, warm-ups help students focus on a specific topic.

Learning the meaning of prefixes and suffixes helps students increase their vocabulary and enables them to become better communicators. The warm-up activities in this book cover the meaning of commonly used prefixes and suffixes, help students improve dictionary and vocabulary skills, and provide practice in sentence writing and critical thinking. Students also have opportunities to make deductions, write synonyms and antonyms, and determine the meaning of words from context.

A list of words with prefixes and suffixes is included at the end of the book for reference and can be used with students for review, vocabulary, or spelling.

Encourage students to get into the “look it up” habit by using a dictionary when they are unsure of the meaning or spelling of a word.

Suggestions for use:

- Copy and cut apart one page each week. Give students one warm-up activity each day at the beginning of class.
- Give each student a copy of the entire page to complete day by day. Students can keep the completed pages in a three-ring binder to use as a resource.
- Make transparencies of individual warm-ups and complete the activities as a group.
- Provide extra copies of warm-ups in your learning center for students to complete at random when they have a few extra minutes.
- Keep some warm-ups on hand to use as fill-ins when the class has a few extra minutes before lunch or dismissal.
Note: Some root words have foreign origins, often Latin or Greek. For example, *inhale* and *exhale* are words with prefixes, even though the root word *hale* isn’t a common English word.

**Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes 1**

1. A root word is a word that can be changed into a new word by adding a prefix and/or suffix to it. *Like* is a root word. Write two other examples of root words.

2. A prefix is added to the beginning of a word and changes its meaning. (*dislike*) Write two more examples.

3. A suffix is added to the end of a word and changes its meaning. (*likely*) Write two more examples.

4. Some words can contain both a prefix and a suffix. (*unlikely*) Write two more examples.

**Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes 2**

1. The spelling of root words usually does not change when prefixes are added. Example: *resell*. Write two more examples.

2. In the words *real*, *really*, and *read*, the *re*- at the beginning of the words is not a prefix. Why not?

**Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes 3**

Write the root words.

1. unthinkable 2. illegal

3. honesty 4. mismanagement

5. impossible 6. disconnection

**Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes 4**

Add a prefix, suffix, or both to each root word. Write the new words.

1. luck 2. quick

3. sleep 4. reach

5. pay 6. read

**Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes 5**

Explain the difference between compound words, such as *lighthouse*, and words with prefixes and suffixes.
Root Word, Prefix, & Suffix Warm-ups: Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes 6
Sometimes the spelling of a root word changes when a suffix is added. Write the root words. Check a dictionary if you are not sure of the spelling.

1. unbelievable
2. unhappily
3. reappearance
4. unfriendly
5. rechargeable
6. disagreement

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes 7
Consider words like repaint, rethink, and redo. What do you think the prefix re- means?

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes 8
Add the prefix re- to each word and use it in a short sentence.

1. move
2. pay
3. place
4. set
5. try

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes 9
Add re- to each word. On your own paper, write a short definition of each new word that does not include the word again. Example: assemble: reassemble—to put back together

1. appoint
2. connect
3. decorate
4. check
5. style

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes 10
List 10 or more words that begin with the prefix re-. Circle the root words.
Root Word, Prefix, & Suffix Warm-ups:
Prefixes With Negative Meanings

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 1
Circle the prefix in each word. Underline the root words.

1. unlike 2. illogic
3. inappropriate 4. inconsiderate
5. nonprofit 6. disappear
7. disadvantage 8. nonsense
9. improbable 10. impossible

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 2
Consider the meaning of these words: unlike, illogic, inappropriate, inconsiderate, disappear, disadvantage, nonprofit, nonsense, improbable, and impossible.

What do the prefixes un-, il-, in-, im-, non-, and dis- have in common?

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 3
Add the prefix un- to the root words given. Write the new word. On your own paper, write a short definition for each word that doesn’t include the word not. Example: un + happy = unhappy: sad

1. able 2. like 3. do
4. made 5. cover

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 4
Write 10 words that begin with the prefix un-. Circle the root words.

UN = NOT

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 5
Write words from the list to match the definitions. Keep in mind the meaning of the prefix and the root words.

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1. falling apart
2. make harmless
3. chaos
4. false
5. make useless
6. stained
7. release from duty
8. rudeness
Prefixes With Negative Meanings 6

1. How can knowing the meaning of a prefix and the root word help you understand the meaning of a new word?

2. If you know the meaning of the prefix, but not the root word, how can that help you understand the meaning of the new word?

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 7

Add the prefix un- or dis- to each word. Write the new words.

1. trust
2. agree
3. true
4. place
5. obey
6. bearable

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 8

The prefixes dis-, in-, il-, im-, non-, and un- change a word so that it means the opposite. On your own paper, write definitions for the underlined words without using the word not.

1. Finite means limited. What does infinite mean?
2. Appropriate means right or correct. What does inappropriate mean?
3. Patient means calm and accepting. What does impatient mean?
4. A dispensable item is one that is not needed. What does indispensable mean?
5. Logical means reasonable. What does illogical mean?

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 9

Circle 16 words that begin with un- in the puzzle. List the words on another sheet of paper.

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 10

Write the letter of the answer that best matches the meaning of the word.

1. not needed A. necessary  B. unnecessary
2. not truthful A. dishonest  B. disbelief
3. unwanted A. undesirable  B. desirable
4. to stop A. unavailable  B. discontinue
5. without end A. limited  B. unlimited
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<td>Add <em>in-</em> or <em>im-</em> to each underlined word to form a new word. Use a dictionary if you are not sure which prefix to add.</td>
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<td>5. appropriate</td>
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<td>7. equality</td>
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<td>9. flexible</td>
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<td>Answer these questions on your own paper.</td>
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<td>1. <em>Comply</em> means obey. What does <em>noncompliance</em> mean?</td>
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<td>2. Give an example of a <em>nonprofit</em> organization.</td>
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<td>3. <em>Toxic</em> means poisonous. What does <em>nontoxic</em> mean?</td>
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<td>4. Give an example of a <em>nondairy</em> product.</td>
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<td>5. Give an example of a <em>nonfiction</em> book.</td>
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<td>Complete these on your own paper.</td>
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<td>1. Name one thing you are <em>incapable</em> of doing.</td>
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<td>2. Give an example of inequality.</td>
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<td>3. Name something that is <em>inflexible</em>.</td>
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<td>4. Name something that is <em>impractical</em>.</td>
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<td>5. Name something that is <em>improper</em>.</td>
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<td>6. Give an example of an <em>insincere</em> action.</td>
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<td>Write the letter of the answer that best matches the meaning of the word.</td>
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<td>____ 1. disadvantage     A. dislike</td>
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<td>____ 2. discontinue       B. not having the</td>
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<td>____ 3. disconnect        same opinion</td>
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<td>____ 4. disagree          C. release</td>
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<td>____ 5. disapprove        D. stop</td>
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<td>____ 6. discharge         E. difficulty</td>
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<td>____ 7. discharge         F. take apart</td>
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Prefixes With Negative Meanings 16
Write the letter of the answer that best matches the definition for each word.

___ 1. impossible  A. likely  B. can't happen
___ 2. impractical  A. wrong  B. not useful
___ 3. improper  A. incorrect  B. right
___ 4. inappropriate  A. OK  B. unsuitable
___ 5. incapable  A. unable  B. able
___ 6. inequality  A. unhappy  B. unfairness

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 17
Write the letters from the words in the list on the lines next to the correct definitions.

a. dissatisfied  b. illegible  c. incompetent  
d. informal  e. unconscious  f. unfamiliar

___ 1. unaware  ___ 2. strange
___ 3. unhappy  ___ 4. unreadable
___ 5. casual  ___ 6. unskilled

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 18
Write 10 words that begin with the prefix non-. Circle the root words.

__________________________
__________________________
__________________________

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 19
Write “C” if the word is a compound word. Write “P” if the word includes a prefix. Circle the root words in the words with prefixes.

___ 1. inactive  ___ 2. inaction
___ 3. independent  ___ 4. into
___ 5. ingrown  ___ 6. inchworm
___ 7. inside  ___ 8. innkeeper

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 20
Circle the word to show what you think. (There are no right or wrong answers.)

1. Getting good grades  Advantage or disadvantage
2. Doing chores at home  Continue or discontinue
3. Going to school on Saturday  Approve or disapprove
4. Learning a second language  Advantage or disadvantage
5. Learning to play the guitar  Advantage or disadvantage
6. Spinach tastes terrific.  Agree or disagree
Prefixes With Negative Meanings 21

On another sheet of paper, write a conversation between two people who disagree on something. Use the format shown below. Include at least five statements for each person. Circle all words that include prefixes.

She said, “____________________.”

He said, “____________________.”

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 22

On another sheet of paper, briefly explain the difference between the words in each pair. Use a dictionary if you need help.

1. nonstop and unstoppable
2. nonhuman and inhuman
3. nonpayment and unpaid

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 23

Answer the following questions on your own paper.

1. What does it mean to mistype a word on the computer?
2. If someone wears mismatched socks, what’s the problem?
3. If someone misleads you when you ask for directions, what could happen?
4. What can happen if a student misbehaves in school?
5. Why could it be a problem if a secretary misfiles something?

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 24

On another sheet of paper, write a short sentence using each word. Use a dictionary if you need help.

1. unavailable
2. unbelievable
3. unusual
4. undesirable
5. unknown
6. unlimited

Prefixes With Negative Meanings 25

Draw lines to match the words and their definitions.

1. misshapen
2. mistreat
3. nonsense
4. nonfiction
5. nonstop
6. misuse

truth
continuously
waste
twisted
harm
foolishness

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Warm-ups: Prefixes Denoting Numbers

Prefixes Denoting Numbers 1
Write a poem using the prefixes for the numbers one through ten as the first part of each line. Use “One, Two, Buckle My Shoe” as a model. Be as silly as you like.

uni-, bi- Unicorns, bipeds, give it a try.
tri-, quad-
penta-, hex-
sept-, oct-
nov-, dec-

Prefixes Denoting Numbers 2
Match the words from the list to the definitions.

1. a shape with 6 sides _____________
2. a dinosaur with 3 horns _____________
3. an animal with 8 arms _____________
4. a 100-year celebration _____________

Prefixes Denoting Numbers 3
Write the words from the list to match the definitions.
bimonthly decathlon quadruplets quintet

1. 10-sport Olympic event _____________
2. 4 of the same _____________
3. 5 musicians _____________
4. every 2 months _____________

Prefixes Denoting Numbers 4
1. How many sides does a decagon have? ____
2. Which is longer, a meter or a millimeter? _____________
3. How many millimeters are in a meter? ____
4. Which is longer, a meter or a centimeter? _____________
5. How many centimeters are in a meter? ____
6. How many milliliters are in a liter? ______

Prefixes Denoting Numbers 5
Circle the correct words to match the definitions. Knowing what the prefixes mean will help.

1. Knowing two languages _____________
2. 5 Olympic sporting events _____________
3. A 200-year celebration _____________
4. A set of 3 related books or movies _____________
5. To cut into 2 pieces _____________
6. 3 of the same _____________
7. The 8th month in the Roman calendar _____________

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Prefixes Denoting Numbers 6

1. If you received the first issue of a bimonthly magazine in May, when should the next one arrive? ______________________
2. If a school held a biannual event in May of 2007, when would the next one be held? ______________________
3. If a family met for a biennial reunion in July 2007, when did the last reunion occur? ______________________
4. How often do you think a century plant blooms? ______________________
5. When will the tricentennial celebration of the United States as a country be held? ______________________

Prefixes Denoting Numbers 7

Match the letter of the word to its definition.

1. 3-wheeled vehicle A. octagon
2. an animal with 1 horn B. decade
3. a stand with 3 legs C. tripod
4. a shape with 8 sides D. biweekly
5. every 2 weeks E. unicorn
6. a period of 10 years F. tricycle

Prefixes Denoting Numbers 8

1. Which has more legs, a centipede or a millipede? ______________________
2. How many years are in a millennium? ___________
3. How many soldiers do you think a Roman centurion commanded? ______________________
4. Why are some types of eyeglasses called bifocals? ______________________

Prefixes Denoting Numbers 9

On another sheet of paper, write two words using each prefix.

uni- bi- tri- quad- quin-
penta- oct- dec- cent- milli-

Prefixes Denoting Numbers 10

Write the prefix for each number.

1 ______ 2 ______ 3 ______
4 ______ 5 ______ 6 ______
8 ______ 10 ______
100 ______ 1,000 ______
Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes
1 (p. 2)
Answers will vary.

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes
2 (p. 2)
1. Answers will vary.
2. because the re- is part of the root word

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes
3 (p. 2)
1. think
2. legal
3. honest
4. manage
5. possible
6. connect

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes
4 (p. 2)
Compound words are two or more root words put together. Words with prefixes and/or suffixes have one root word with word parts added to the beginning and/or end of the word.

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes
5 (p. 2)
1. believe
2. happy
3. appear
4. friend
5. charge
6. agree

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes
6 (p. 3)
1. believe
2. happy
3. appear
4. friend
5. charge
6. agree

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes
7 (p. 3)
to do again

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes
8 (p. 3)
Sentences will vary.
1. remove
2. repay
3. replace
4. reset
5. retry

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes
9 (p. 3)
Definitions will vary.
1. reappoint
2. reconnect
3. redecorate
4. recheck
5. restyle

Root Words, Prefixes, & Suffixes
10 (p. 3)
Answers will vary.

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
1 (p. 4)
1. unlike
2. illogic
3. inappropriate
4. inconsiderate
5. nonprofit
6. disappear
7. disadvantage
8. nonsense
9. improbable
10. impossible

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
2 (p. 4)
They all mean “no” or “not.”

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
3 (p. 4)
Definitions will vary.
1. unable
2. unlike
3. undo
4. unmade
5. uncover

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
4 (p. 4)
Answers will vary.

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
5 (p. 4)
1. disrepair
2. disarm
3. disorder
4. disloyal
5. disable
6. discolored
7. discharge
8. disrespect

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
6 (p. 5)
Answers will vary.

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
7 (p. 5)
1. distrust
2. disagree
3. untrue
4. displace
5. disobey
6. unbearable

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
8 (p. 5)
1. unlimited; without end
2. wrong; incorrect; unsuitable
3. restless; anxious
4. essential; vital
5. unreasonable; senseless

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
9 (p. 5)
1. unbend
2. unbolt
3. unborn
4. unclog
5. uneven
6. unfair
7. unfed
8. unfit
9. unglue
10. unreal
11. untied
12. untrue
13. unused
14. unusual

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
10 (p. 5)
1. B
2. A
3. A
4. B
5. B

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
11 (p. 6)
1. impractical
2. insincere
3. informal
4. immovable
5. inappropriate
6. incapable
7. inequality
8. impossible
9. inflexible
10. improper

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
12 (p. 6)
Sentences will vary.
1. disadvantage
2. disapprove
3. disconnect
4. discontinue
5. disprove
6. dislike

Prefixes With Negative Meanings
13 (p. 6)
1. to not obey
2. Answers will vary. Any charity, etc.
3. not poisonous
4–5. Answers will vary.