

Student Name _____ Date _____

The Prefix Builder

Dear Parent,

We are learning the meanings of common prefixes that are attached to the beginning of words.

I hope you enjoy this activity with me. This assignment is due _____.

Sincerely,

Student Signature

THINGS TO REMEMBER

A **prefix** is placed at the beginning of a root word to change its meaning.

A **prefix** builds a new word.

Example: The prefix **re** means **again**. The word **reprint** means to **print again**.

The prefix **un** means **not** or **opposite of**. The word **unopened** means **not opened** or **closed**.

LET'S DO THIS

1. Work with a family partner. Who is working with you? _____

The Prefix Builder has been working on root words to make new words.

Look at the **root word** in the first column.

Add the **prefix** in the second column.

Build a **new word** in the third column.

Write the meaning of the new word in the last column.

Two examples have been done for you.



Root Word	Add the Prefix	Build a new word	Meaning of new word
wind	re	rewind	wind again
play	re		
do	re		
lock	un	unlock	not locked
unsafe	un		
unplug	un		

LET'S FIND OUT



1. A Prefix Game: **re** or **un** or **both**?

With your family member take turns making new words by adding the prefix **re** or **un** to some words you know.

Sometimes a root word can be changed to 2 new words using both **re** and **un**.

Example: **reload** means to **load again** and **unload** means to do the opposite.

YOU write the prefix in the blank before the word.

If both prefixes can be used, YOU write both new words on the page.

re- or un- or both?

_____make

_____do

_____able

_____cook

_____tie

_____wrap

_____read

_____cover

With your family partner:

- Take turns using the original root word in a sentence.
- Then, take turns using the new word with its prefix in a sentence.

HOME-TO-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Dear Parent,

Please give your reactions to your child's work on this activity.

Write YES or NO for each statement.

- _____ 1. My child understood the homework and was able to complete it.
- _____ 2. My child and I enjoyed the activity.
- _____ 3. This assignment helped me know what my child is learning in class.

Comments _____

Parent Signature _____