To the Student

In Lesson 121, *Prefixes: Unit 1*, you will learn how to recognize and use prefixes.

In this book, you will find numbered parts that are called “frames.” Within these frames, you will be asked to fill in the blanks with a word or words to complete a sentence about prefixes. Write your answers on a separate piece of paper. Then look at the top of the next page in the book to check your answers. The wording of your answer may vary from the answer in the lesson. Be sure to write an answer for each blank in the lesson.

If you do not understand how to use this book or need assistance with certain frames, ask your instructor for help.

Now turn the page and begin.
1. This lesson is about prefixes. A **prefix** is added to the beginning of a word in order to change its meaning. To understand prefixes, you must first be familiar with **base words**.

2. Three words similar in meaning to base are root, core, and stem. All four words—*base, root, core, stem*—refer to the same thing, the essential (vital or necessary) part of a word.

3. In this lesson we will use the terms root and base. The root or base is the most important part of a word. It is the word from which other words are formed. The essential part of a word is called the ________or ________.

4. If you add the syllable *im* to the word *patient*, you get the word *impatient*. *Patient* is the most important part of the word *impatient*. *Patient* is the ________ or base word.

5. The word *incorrect* has two parts—*in* and *correct*. What is the base or root word in the word *incorrect*? ________

6. The word *supernatural* is formed by adding *super* to the beginning of the root word ________.

7. Now look at the words below. What is the base or root word of each?

   A. misplace ________
   B. unclear ________
   C. pregame ________
   D. interstate ________
8. Many times a base word will be used without a prefix. *Man, time, friend, earth, usual,* and *angry* are all examples of base words that do not have prefixes.

9. You probably recognize all the simple root words in Frame 8 and know their meanings. If a prefix is added to the beginning of one of these words, however, its meaning changes.

10. *Prefixes* are syllables added to the _______ of base or root words to _______ their meanings.

11. Look at the word *unsafe*. The root word is _______. These two words, *safe* and *unsafe*, mean different things.

   Look at the difference in meaning:

   A. Safe means *away from harm or danger.*
   B. Unsafe means *not away from harm or danger.*

   The syllable *un* changes the meaning of the root word _______.

12. One or more syllables added at the beginning of a root word to change that word’s meaning is called a _______.

Answers to page 1:
3. root, base
4. root
5. correct
6. natural
7. A. place   B. clear   C. game   D. state
13. Look at the diagram below to see how a prefix is added to a base word to form a new word:

prefix  +  base word  =  new word

super  +  human  =  superhuman

14. Try this one. Write the new word on your paper.

prefix  +  base word  =  new word

in  +  human  =  ________

Inhuman means not human or very cruel.

15. Here’s another one. Write this new word on your paper.

prefix  +  base word  =  new word

sub  +  human  =  ________

Subhuman means less than or below human, such as an ape or a monkey.
16. Look at the words below. Now write the prefix and the base word for each.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>word</th>
<th>prefix</th>
<th>base word</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>remake</td>
<td>_______</td>
<td>_______</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>misbehave</td>
<td>_______</td>
<td>_______</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unhappy</td>
<td>_______</td>
<td>_______</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>incorrect</td>
<td>_______</td>
<td>_______</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>antifreeze</td>
<td>_______</td>
<td>_______</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

17. When a prefix is added to a root word, it _______ the meaning of the root word. To increase your vocabulary, you need to know some of the most common prefixes.

18. An easy prefix that you probably already know is re.

**Re** means *again, or to do again.*

If you *reclose* a jar, you close it _______.
If you *reclaim* some land, you claim it _______.

19. *Re* means to do something _______.

Since *re* is added to the beginning of a root word, it is a _______.

Answers to page 3:

14. inhuman
15. subhuman
20. Now look at these words. What does each word mean?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>word</th>
<th>meaning</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>renumber</td>
<td>________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>relive</td>
<td>________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>react</td>
<td>________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rebuild</td>
<td>________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reenact</td>
<td>________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>return</td>
<td>________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>repaint</td>
<td>________</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

21. Not all words which begin with re contain prefixes. Some examples of words which do not contain prefixes are:

A. rental
B. reptile
C. read

22. Re is a prefix if it comes ________ a base word.

The word regroup ________ (does/does not) have a prefix.
23. In the examples below, look for a root word to help you recognize prefixes. Which words have the prefix re? _______

A. reboil  
B. recheck  
C. reign  
D. reaper

24. Sometimes you may not be able to recognize a root or base word to determine if you have a prefix.

In the word repeat, for example, re is a ________, but you may not recognize peat as a root word.

Because many of our words come from other languages, we do not always recognize the root word. However, you will be able to pick out the root words in the examples we are studying.

25. Another common prefix is pre, which means before.

You know the meaning of the word flight. If you add the prefix pre to flight, you get the new word ________, which means ________ the flight.
End of Lesson Sample

We appreciate your interest!

Contact Pace Learning Systems for more information or to request a physical sample of the complete lesson booklet.

For more information on the curriculum that contains this lesson, visit us online or contact us any time.

800-826-7223
info@pacelearning.com
10852 Mallard Lake Lane, Cotondale, AL 35453