

Sample Sheets from Level 3: **Prefix Suffix Roots** at your Fingertips

Sample Student Sheets

Corresponding Teacher Manual Sheets

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Sample Student Sheets:

pre- [before]

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precook	preheat	preschool
prejudge	pretrial	prehistoric
pretest	premedical	preheat
premature	preoccupied	premeditate
preshrunk	prepossess	prewar
precaution	preadult	precede

previewed the film  
preoccupied with reading  
prepaid the mail order  
through preflight instruction  
a premature decision  
prearranged the schedule

The word preheat is made of the prefix “pre” which is added to the root “heat”. Preheat means to heat before.

Mom preheated the oven before she put the roast in.

The Social Studies test will be preceded with a review.

We were pre-informed about the test last week.

Do we live in premodern times?

Who in this room could be included in the “preadult” group?

Precool the stew before you refrigerate it.

dis- [not, away]

discount

discolor

disturb

disjoin

disagree

discover

disburse

dispense

disintegrate

disadvantage

disrespect

distinction

disturbance

disinterest

discrepancy

disabled veteran

disorganized meeting

disappearance of the coin

discontinued merchandise

discharged from duty

viewing the Discovery Channel

early dismissal

The word discover literally means to pull the cover away.

Have you been through the new discount store?

Paul Revere was dispatched to send the message that the British were coming.

There seems to have been a discontinuity all through Alex's story.

The sun caused discoloration of the paper on the bulletin board.

The serpent disentangled itself from the branch.

Many artists and inventors have had a disability in reading and writing.

mis- [not, wrong]

3

mislead	misread	misjudge
misinterpret	misplace	misquote
misspell	mistreat	mistype
misfit	misbelief	mishandle
misuse	mistrust	misdeed

miscounted the shipment  
misaid the science report  
mismanaged his allowance  
many mislabeled products  
mispronounces the word  
misaddressed the envelope

Misuse means to use something in the wrong way.  
A defect in the printer caused the misprint.  
You misheard the announcement if you thought school was canceled tomorrow.

Fred was disturbed after he miscalculated the problem.  
The group's misbehavior led to a great disturbance.

A discrepancy arose because someone misnumbered the pages of the instructions.

in-, il- [in, not, wrong]

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inside

incorrect

indirect

inability

inadequate

indefinite

incapable

incoherent

inexact

infirm

inactive

ingrown

income

inbound

indistinct

illegal

illegible

illiterate

illogical

ill-spent

ill-mannered

incompetent player

inattentive group

inexpensive purchase

incorrect response

an illogical thought

The printer was inoperable because the cable was disconnected.

The new compact disk was incompatible with that computer.

Who were the first inhabitants of the small island?

Many luxuries are inaccessible to some families because they are too expensive.

The poster was hard to read because the lines were indistinct.

Would you like to receive an illegible letter?

trans- [across, over]

5

transit	transplant	transact
transform	translate	transpose
transonic	transpolar	transcribe
transferral	transship	transfuse
transmits	transgress	transfer
transalpine	transatlantic	transpacific

transit company  
replaced the transactor  
submitted a transcript  
moved the transistor radio  
electrical transformer  
transitional period

Organ transplants are not an uncommon procedure.  
What form of action transpired at the meeting?  
Could Mr. Baxter be transferred to the Pacific  
Coast?

Could Comair be a transcontinental airline?  
The campers were transfixed by the beautiful  
sunset.

Your piece of art transcended all expectations!

form [to shape]

6

inform	reform	transform
formula	conform	information
deform	transformer	informal
uniform	landform	misinform
transformable	informant	uninformed
misinformation	formality	formally

electrical transformer  
information on the World Wide Web  
form letter  
habit-forming

How many different landforms are in the western part of the United States?

The wrestler from our school outperformed the other wrestlers.

Migrating birds fly in formation.

The messenger received misinformation about the disaster.

The outlaw reformed his behavior and became an honorable citizen.

**-ward [toward]**

backward	westward	downward
earthward	heavenward	sunward
upward	homeward	southward
inward	landward	skyward
rightward	leeward	northward

headed seaward  
going windward  
swam shoreward  
inward introspection

The wagon trains were westward bound.  
Vacationers head southward to be in the warm  
climate.

The ship was finally seaward after many days of  
stormy weather.

The empty plastic carton finally went shoreward  
after many days floating on the open sea.

Have you ever flown a kite that was landward  
instead of skyward bound?

Could northward be the opposite of southward?

**-ology [study of]**

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biology

mycology

ecology

geology

mythology

zoology

sociology

oceanology

urbanology

psychology

neurology

toxicology

Biology is the study of the life process of plants and animals.  
Zoology is the scientific study of animals.

The root word “socio” means society, therefore the word  
sociology is the study of human society including its origin.

Why would universities teaching oceanology be located on the  
east or west coast?

An entomologist is a scientist who specializes in the study of  
insects.

A hydrated plant has enough water.

What is the condition of a dehydrated plant.

If hydro- means water, what does hydrology mean?

If geo- means earth, what does geology mean?

If urban means city, what does urbanology mean?

Sample Teacher Manual Sheets:

These correspond to the Student Sheets.

pre- (pre) [before]

Lesson 4

p. 4

10

Non-phonetic words: through, view

Information: The prefix pre- is an open syllable prefix.

Spelling dictation:

preheat

prepare

precool

preflight

precook

preinform

preorder

precaution

prehuman

preoccupy

preoccupied with reading

preflight training

prepaid the mail order

preceded with a review

All through preschool, my brother liked to read.

Precool the stew before you refrigerate it.

Take precaution in using matches.

David is in his preadult years.

We were preinformed about the science test.

All through the test I thought I should have "prestudied" more.

Last night I decided to prestudy for the test.

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dis- (dis) [not, away]

Lesson 5

p. 5

Non-phonetic words: been, through, view

Information: The prefix dis- is a closed syllable suffix.

Spelling dictation:

discount

disturb

discolor

disagree

discover

dispense

disrespect

preheat

prepare

preread

disorganized meeting

discontinued printing

discharged from duty

outstanding discovery

preflight training

preread the chapter

Mark discovered many things all through preschool.

The serpent disentangled itself from the branch.

Have you been through the discount store?

Don't disregard your work.

Fred was disinterested all through the film.

mis- (mis) [not, wrong] Lesson 8 p. 7

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Non-phonetic words: many, thought

Spelling dictation:

misread	misspell	mislead	misjudge	misquote
mishandle	misplace	misinterpret	mistype	ashore

astir	lighten	golden	shorten	olden
quicken	discount	disturb	discover	precook
precaution	preorder			

misaid the science report	misplaced the letter
misused the knife	misabeled the product

A defect in the printer caused the misprint.  
Jane thought she misspelled the word.  
Even though Max misread one word he understood the story.  
Fred was disturbed. He miscalculated the problem.

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in-, il- (in) (il) [in, not, wrong] Lesson 9 p. 8

Non-phonetic words: many, what, were, usual  
Information: The prefix in- changes spelling depending upon the consonant following it.  
It belongs to the group: in-, im-, il-, and ir-.

Spelling dictation:

incomplete	incorrect	injustice	income	inappropriate	infirm	ingrown	inbound
inadequate	insecure	incoherent	inexact				
illegal	illegible	illiterate	illogical				
misplace	mishandle		afield	aground			

an incorrect response	incoherent message
incomplete homework	informal dress for the dinner
an illogical thought	

Was the student's behavior appropriate or inappropriate?  
The dress code for the dinner was informal.  
Tom's remark was inappropriate.  
The contestant's answer was incorrect.  
Would an ill-mannered person usually be polite?

trans (trans) [across, over]

Lesson 12

p.10

12

Non-phonetic words: could, move, what, were  
Information: The prefix trans is a closed syllable.

Spelling dictation:

transit	transmit	transact	transform
transfer	transship	program	proceed
excelling	admitted	relaxed	happened

replaced the transactor  
proceeded to the meeting

buys the transistor  
relaxing in the hammock

Transplants are not uncommon.  
What form of action transpired at the meeting?  
Mr. Baxter was transferred to the Pacific Coast.  
The campers were transfixed by the amazing sunset.

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form (form) [to shape]

Lesson 13

p. 49

Non-phonetic words: from, many

Spelling dictation:

inform	reform	transform	landform	conform
information	deform	uniform	transformer	formality
transferral	translate	transgress	listening	transferred

form letter  
interesting landform

electrical transformer  
information on the internet

Formation is extremely important to migrating birds.  
Being uninformed about our transportation system can be a disaster.  
Biographies of our forefathers give us information to shape our own lives.  
Misinformation tears down rather than builds up.  
Jim informed his employer that he would be late for work.

-ward (werd) [toward] Lesson 33 p. 38

13

Non-phonetic words: have, many, were  
Information: The suffix -ward is an adjective suffix.

Spelling dictation:

backward	westward	earthward	leftward	inward
exportation	supporter	transport	delighted	decline

decarbonate	supplement	suppress	excitement	exile
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headed southward	pointed northward
going windward	looked downward

The wagon trains were westward bound.  
The upward breeze caused the kite to soar high.  
Fred thought the eagle was skyward bound.  
Vacationers head southward to have warm weather.  
Even though I walked backward, I didn't bump into anything.

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-ology (ol u je) [study of] Lesson 62 p. 48

Non-phonetic words: there, what, would  
Information: The suffix -ology is a noun suffix.

Spelling dictation:

biology	geology	zoology	mycology	ecology
harmonize	vitalize	generalize	itemize	emphasize
suspect	speculate	perspective	aspect	retrospect

Biology is the study of the life process of plants and animals.  
Geology is the scientific study of the earth.  
A zoologist is involved with the scientific study of animals.  
Stanley wondered what to do with his dehydrated plant.