

PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

EXERCISE 1.

How many different words can you make with these prefixes and suffixes?

Use: -ful / mis- / -ly / en- / dis- / un- / in-.

e.g. Use: useful, misuse.

pain:

understand:

care:

love:

beauty:

doubt:

colour:

lead:

courage:

obedient:

help:

expected:

like:

slow:

immediate:

sane:

lucky:

honest:

EXERCISE 2.

Create a word using the correct prefix or suffix.

e.g. The singer is very famous (fame).

1. The old farm house is starting to fall apart. I suppose it has been _____ (use) now for at least 15 years. It's a pity it couldn't be done up and _____ (furnish).
2. The _____ (legal) of cannabis has been introduced in some countries such as Holland, but it is unlikely that it will be introduced in the States for the time being.
3. He is a very _____ (like) fellow but I didn't like the way he treated Irene. What he did was terrible. It

was both _____ (moral) and
_____ (loyal).

4. I am not sure and George is also very _____
(sceptical) about the situation. It is
_____ (surprise) that he would have
acted that way, after all you had done for him.

5. The orchestra had a very _____ (disappoint)
performance considering the talent present.

6. I was very unhappy about the proposal. In fact, the
_____ (courage) thing about it was not the
money, but the time it will take to get the whole thing off
the ground. The contractors were also unhappy. They
seemed to be very _____ (satisfy).

7. You must treat that wound with an _____ (septic) lotion or it will become infected.
8. Your button is _____ (do)!
9. The police are still looking for the young girl who _____ (appear) last Friday.
10. We waited to see the end of the film but the whole thing was an _____ (climax).

SUFFIXES

EXERCISE 1.

Choose the correct adjective/noun + suffix from the box to complete the sentences .

Homeless *Helpful* *Attractive* *Imagination*

Outrageous *Priceless* *Childish*

Apologetic *Wealthy* *Comfortable*

e.g. *He comes from Britain, he's British*



1. Thank you for being so _____.
2. That man lives on the streets, he must be _____.
3. This situation is completely _____.
4. You look very _____ today.
5. Use your _____.
6. This antique table is _____.
7. Stop being so _____.
8. You don't seem to be sorry, I think you should be more
_____.
9. This area is well known for it's residents, they are all very
_____.
10. This couch is so _____.

EXERCISE 2.

Match the adjective/noun + suffix on the right with the corresponding description.

To be of assistance

Childish

Beautiful

Wealthy

Creativity

Helpful

No fixed value

Outrageous

To be rich

Attractive

Cosy

Homeless

Absurd

Comfortable

To be sorry

Imagination

Immature behaviour

Priceless

Without a fixed address

Apologetic

NEGATIVE PREFIXES: UN/IN/IM/DIS

EXERCISE 1.

Add the correct negative prefix to each of the following words.

___ believable

___ healthy

___ competent

___ thinkable

___ clear

___ lock

___ solve

___ tie

___ comprehensible

___ organised

___ aware

___ worthy

___ precise

___ moral

EXERCISE 2.

Match the word to the definition.

Disinfectant - unselfish - disappointed - unfit - irregular -

unjust - dissimilar - immortal - disappear - unskilled -

disqualify - inadequate

1. Someone who always thinks of himself last is
2. Something not good enough is
3. A liquid used to clean surfaces is
4. When the sun rises in the morning, the stars
5. A person who does manual labour is this kind of worker
6. Judges do this to someone who competed incorrectly
7. I can't go dancing because I've got a fever, so I'm
8. An insane person can't testify in court: he is

9. Two people who have nothing in common are
10. Something that happens erratically is
11. Keeping an innocent man in prison is
12. Anything that lives forever is

EXERCISE 3.

Which of the following are real English words?

___ disintegrate

___ dishonest

___ dissatisfied

___ inexpensive

___ infertility

___ impatient