

Analyzing
Word Structure

Name _____

Mark It

- Read each word. Underline the **prefix**. Circle the **suffix** or **word ending**. Then, write the **base word** on the line. The first one is done for you.

1. decomposing compose
2. uncomplicated _____
3. rewriting _____
4. unhappiness _____
5. unplugged _____
6. defrosted _____
7. unpacking _____

Reviewdefrostedunwillingness

A base word can have both a **prefix** and a **suffix** or a **word ending**.

Choose It

- Choose the correct form of each word and write it on the line.

8. Are you _____ the frozen meat?
defrost, defrosting, defrosted
9. My baseball team has not lost a single game. We are _____.
defeat, undefeated, defeated
10. I have an _____ supply of pencils. Help yourself!
unlimited, limit, limiting
11. Lissa is _____ the clues in the puzzle.
scramble, unscramble, unscrambling
12. Josh waited for the plane to land, and then he _____ his seatbelt. **buckle, unbuckled, unbuckling**



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Name _____

Add It

- Add *-er* or *-est* to each base word. Write the new word on the line.

1. My cat has _____ fur than my dog. **soft**
2. Anna is the _____ runner in our class. **quick**
3. Jess has three books. She wants to read the _____ one! **thick**
4. Lee's desk is _____ than mine. **clean**

Review

quicker
quickest

Use the suffix *-er* to compare two people or things. Use the suffix *-est* to compare more than two people or things.

Complete It

- Complete the chart. The first one is done for you.

Base Word	<i>-er</i>	<i>-est</i>
5. chilly	chillier	chilliest
6.	colder	
7. high		highest
8. lucky		luckiest
9.	softer	
10.		cleanest
11. thick		
12.	smarter	
13. sunny	sunnier	
14. quick		
15.	deeper	
16. wide		

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Name _____

Build It

- Build new words by adding suffixes to the base words. Write each word on the line.

1. joy + ful = _____
2. fear + less = _____
3. spot + less = _____
4. force + ful = _____
5. pain + less = _____
6. cheer + ful = _____

Reviewharmlesscareful

- A **suffix** is a word part added at the end of a base word to change its meaning.
- The suffix **-less** means “without.”
- The suffix **-ful** means “full of” or “great.”

Add It

- Add **-less** or **-ful** to each underlined word. Then, write the new word on the line. The first one is done for you.

7. The dog has a loud bark, but it is gentle and harm *less* _____.
harmless
8. Be care _____ when you walk on the ice, so you don't slip. _____
9. A backpack is use _____ when you have a lot to carry. _____
10. Simon is talking on a cord _____ phone. _____
11. Don't be waste _____! Recycle paper. _____
12. I feel happy and joy _____! _____

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Unlocking Multisyllable Words

Word List

- ▶ Read the words from left to right. Then, circle the prefixes. Underline the suffixes and endings.

fitness defrosted unexpected unending unlimited
 defrosting untested unlocking unpacking punishment
 unblocked expanding invented visited publishing
 nonstop nonstick visiting

Split It

- ▶ Fill in the chart by breaking the words into their parts and counting their syllables. If the base word has more than one syllable, draw a line between the syllables. Some words may not have a prefix, suffix, or an ending.

	Prefix	Base Word	Suffix/ Ending	Number of Syllables
1. talented		tal ent	ed	3
2. lateness				
3. unpacked				
4. collecting				
5. finished				
6. unchecked				

Review

- A long word is easier to read if you split it into its parts.
- A **base word** is a word to which word parts may be added.
- A **prefix** is a word part that is added to the beginning of a base word to change its meaning.
- **Suffixes and endings** are word parts that are added to the end of a base word to change its meaning or part of speech.

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Word List

- ▶ Read the words from left to right. Then, underline the base words.

uncommon unevenness commonly commonness
 friendly unfriendly uneven evenly uncommonly
 unfriendliness friendliness evenness

Review

- A base word is a word to which other word parts may be added.
- A base word family is the group of words that share the same base word.
- Sometimes you can figure out the meaning of a word if you think about another word from the same family.

Sort It

- ▶ Sort the words by base word family. Write the base word at the top of the list.

Base Word

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