

## GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

## Most Common Prefixes

| Prefix              | Meaning          | Key Word              |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| anti-               | against          | antifreeze            |
| de-                 | opposite         | defrost               |
| dis-*               | not, opposite of | disagree              |
| en-, em-            | cause to         | encode, embrace       |
| fore-               | before           | forecast              |
| in-, im-            | in               | infield               |
| in-, im-, il-, ir-* | not              | injustice, impossible |
| inter-              | between          | interact              |
| mid-                | middle           | midway                |
| mis-                | wrongly          | misfire               |
| non-                | not              | nonsense              |
| over-               | over             | overlook              |
| pre-                | before           | prefix                |
| re-*                | again            | return                |
| semi-               | half             | semicircle            |
| sub-                | under            | submarine             |
| super-              | above            | superstar             |
| trans-              | across           | transport             |
| un-*                | not              | unfriendly            |
| under-              | under            | undersea              |

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| <b>-able, -ible</b>                   | can be done                      | comfortable          |
| <b>-al, -ial</b>                      | having characteristics of        | personal             |
| <b>-ed*</b>                           | past-tense verbs                 | hopped               |
| <b>-en</b>                            | made of                          | wooden               |
| <b>-er</b>                            | comparative                      | higher               |
| <b>-er,</b>                           | one who                          | worker, actor        |
| <b>-est</b>                           | comparative                      | biggest              |
| <b>-ful</b>                           | full of                          | careful              |
| <b>-ic</b>                            | having characteristics of        | linguistic           |
| <b>-ing*</b>                          | verb form/<br>present participle | running              |
| <b>-ion, -tion,<br/>-ation, ition</b> | act, process                     | occasion, attraction |
| <b>-ity, -ty</b>                      | state of                         | infinity             |
| <b>-ive, -ative, -itive</b>           | adjective form<br>of a noun      | plaintive            |
| <b>-less</b>                          | without                          | fearless             |
| <b>-ly*</b>                           | characteristic of                | quickly              |
| <b>-ment</b>                          | action or process                | enjoyment            |
| <b>-ness</b>                          | state of, condition of           | kindness             |
| <b>-ous, -eous, -ious</b>             | possessing the<br>qualities of   | joyous               |
| <b>-s, -es*</b>                       | more than one                    | books, boxes         |
| <b>-y</b>                             | characterized by                 | happy                |

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