

## Prefixes

Prefixes are added to the beginning of root or base words. When you add a prefix to a base word, you change the word's meaning.

Some common prefixes and their meanings:

**re**--again, back

**dis**--not

**pre**--before

**un**--not, opposite

**mis**--wrong

**under**--below

Directions: Write the correct prefix next to each base word.

play	to play again
age	below age
print	to print incorrectly or wrongly
able	not able
heat	to heat before
wind	to wind back or again
honest	not honest
treat	to treat wrongly or badly
tied	not tied
water	below the water
happy	not happy
view	to view before

# Adjectives: -ful (having) / -less (lacking)

The suffix **-ful** has most of the times a positive meaning and **-less** a negative meaning but not always: the adjectives *awful* or *dreadful* have negative meanings (= frightening) and *priceless* has a positive meaning (= valuable).

We can make adverbs from these adjectives with **-fully** or **-lessly**: *Carefully* and *Carelessly*.

Noun	Verb	Adjective
Care	Care	Careful / Careless
colour	colour	colourful / colourless
fear	fear	fearful / fearless
harm	harm	harmful / harmless
help	help	(un)helpful / helpless
hope	hope	hopeful / hopeless
meaning	mean	meaningful / meaningless
pain	pain	painful / painless
power	power	powerful / powerless
sleep	sleep	sleepful / sleepless
thought	think	thoughtful / thoughtless
taste	taste	tasteful / tasteless
use	use	useful / useless

Noun	Verb	Adjective
awe	awe	awful / awesome
brain	-	brainless (unintelligent)
count	count	countless / countable
dread	dread	dreadful
end	end	endless
home	-	homeless
peace	-	peaceful
play	play	playful
price	price	priceless
success	succeed	(un)successful
time	-	timeless
wire	wire	wireless
worth	worth	worthless (without value)

Complete these sentences with adjectives given in brackets endings **-ful** or **-less**.

1. What a lovely present! That was very \_\_\_\_\_ of you. (think)
2. He's told me \_\_\_\_\_ times about how good he is at football. (count)
3. My best friend is a rich, \_\_\_\_\_ lawyer. (power)
4. You must remember to recharge your phone. Without its batteries, it's \_\_\_\_\_. (use)
5. Although everybody knows that cigarettes are \_\_\_\_\_ to our health, many people still smoke. (harm)
6. The new sales assistant was really \_\_\_\_\_ and rude. (help)
7. Look at the newborn baby. He's completely \_\_\_\_\_. (help)
8. Don't worry, John - this injection will be completely \_\_\_\_\_. (pain)
9. Thieves broke into the museum and stole a \_\_\_\_\_ painting by Van Gogh. (price)
10. She's really rich, but her clothes are always very \_\_\_\_\_ and elegant. (taste)
11. How could you be so \_\_\_\_\_ as to lose your wallet? (care)
12. I'm going to give some clothes to the \_\_\_\_\_. (home)
13. I spent a \_\_\_\_\_ night worrying about you! Where have you been? (sleep)
14. That little boy is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_. He's not afraid of anything! (fear)
15. Despite he has lost some points, he's \_\_\_\_\_ they can win the game. (hope)

