

# Roots, Prefixes, and Suffixes

Use what you know about **root words**, **prefixes**, and **suffixes** to complete the exercises below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete each sentence below.

1. A suffix comes after a basic word and can change the part of speech or tense of the entire word.
2. A root word is a basic word or linguistic unit that has its own meaning.
3. A prefix can be added to the beginning of a basic word.

Connect the prefixes and root words to create familiar words.

re	way
under	circle
sub	start
semi	look
over	stand

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Use the word bank to choose suffixes that change the part of speech or tense of each word.

## Word Bank

\*ize   \*ist   \*ing   \*ful   \*ed

yelled \_\_\_\_\_: past tense

pushing \_\_\_\_\_: present tense

artist \_\_\_\_\_: noun (a person, place, thing, or idea)

colorful \_\_\_\_\_: adjective (a word that describes a noun)

realize \_\_\_\_\_: verb (an action word)

Use clues from the story to define the underlined word parts.

## Story

Trina had a busy day at school! In her art class, she built a sculpture out of clay. Later, in science class, a visiting neurologist showed the class a video of brain surgery! Math was tricky because Trina wasn't sure she could remember the difference between a quadrilateral and a pentagon. Trina was glad when she was dismissed from her last class of the day.

1. sculpt: to carve or shape \_\_\_\_\_

2. neuro: brain \_\_\_\_\_

3. quad: four \_\_\_\_\_

4. pent: five \_\_\_\_\_

5. dis: apart or faraway \_\_\_\_\_

Also, you may consider other words that use these word parts to determine their meanings. When you are finished, use a dictionary or computer to look up the word parts to check your answers.