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Identify Base Words, Prefixes, and Suffixes

A base word can stand alone and has meaning by itself. A prefix is a word part added to the beginning of a base word. A suffix is a word part added to the end of a base word. Prefixes and suffixes change the meaning of the word. Look at the example below.

preheated

The base word is heat.
The prefix is pre-. It means before.
The suffix is -ed. It makes the verb past tense.

Some Common Prefixes	Some Common Suffixes
pre-, un-, re-, dis-, in-	-ful, -ly, -ed, -ing, -ness, -ment, -less

Directions: Identify the parts of each word below.

#	Word	prefix	base word	suffix
1.	softly		base word: **soft**	suffix: **ly**
2.	disagree	prefix:	base word:	
3.	sadness		base word:	suffix:
4.	truthful		base word:	suffix:
5.	reappear	prefix:	base word:	
6.	incorrect	prefix:	base word:	
7.	unhelpful	prefix:	base word:	suffix:
8.	prepayment	prefix:	base word:	suffix:
9.	incompletely	prefix:	base word:	suffix:
10.	unspeakable	prefix:	base word:	suffix:
11.	misunderstanding	prefix:	base word:	suffix:
12.	disappointment	prefix:	base word:	suffix: