

Vocabulary • Prefixes and Suffixes

- Sometimes you may come across words you do not know. You can look to see if the base word has a **prefix** at the beginning or a **suffix** at the end that helps you figure out the meaning.
- The **prefix** *un-* makes a word mean “not” or “the opposite of.” For example, *unhappy* means “not happy.”
- The **suffix** *-ly* makes a word mean “in a ____ way.” For example, *slowly* means “in a slow way.”

Directions Read each sentence. One word is underlined in each sentence. Circle the prefix *un-* or suffix *-ly* in the underlined word. Then circle the correct meaning of the word.

1. When I unloaded the heavy things from the bike, it was easy to ride.
took off put on
2. I was deeply pleased when I won the prize.
a strongly felt way very low
3. The boy stood dangerously close to the edge of the cliff.
in an unsafe way in an angry way
4. She unwrapped the gift and found ice skates inside.
took off the cover did not open
5. He laughed gleefully when he won the spelling bee.
in a silly way in a happy way
6. After the hike, we returned wearily to our tents and went to sleep.
very quickly in a tired way
7. My father proudly gave me a hug when he saw my report card.
in a loud way in a pleased way
8. I untied the bundle of coins and gave my sister a dime.
opened spilled



Home Activity Your child used prefixes and suffixes to figure out the meaning of words. With your child, read a story about a person who gets a part-time job to earn money. Encourage your child to find words that have prefixes and suffixes and to use them to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words.