

PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

What are Prefixes and Suffixes?

Prefixes are letters placed **before** a **root word** which change the meaning of the root word.

Suffixes are letters placed **after** the **root word** which change the meaning of the root word.

When you know the meanings of common prefixes and suffixes, it helps you to decode the meanings of new words.

Examples

Re means **again**, so in the sentence **Please reread the story**, **reread** means **to read again**.

Mis means **wrong**, so in the sentence **Matt misplaced his homework**, **misplaced** means **to put in the wrong place**.

Ful means **full of**, so in the sentence **Grandpa is a cheerful man**, **cheerful** means **full of cheer**.



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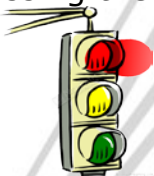
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Use your knowledge to determine the meaning of each sentence.

meaning of each

- 1] Crossing the street between lights is unsafe.
 - a] Crossing the street between lights is fun.
 - b] Crossing the street between lights is not safe.
 - c] Crossing the street between lights is good for you.
 - d] Crossing the street between lights is smart.



- 2] Do you have a new bicycle?
 - a] Do you have a new cycle with two wheels?
 - b] Do you have a new cycle with three wheels?
 - c] Do you have a new cycle with four wheels?
 - d] Do you have a new cycle with no wheels?

- 3] Hopeless means without hope.
 - a] true
 - b] false