

**Word formation list dictation game**  
**Prefixes, suffixes and Use of English Part Three**

*Listen to your teacher say some words and guess which prefix or suffix they all take. You must guess exactly the prefix or suffix on your teacher's sheet, even if other answers could be correct. If your guess is wrong, you must wait to guess again until other people have guessed and/ or your teacher has read out other hints just for the other people.*

*Play the same game in groups of three, four or five students, with different pages for different students. Choose one of the groups of words from the worksheet that your teacher gives you and read words from the left side (before the /) until someone guesses what prefix or suffix they can all take, starting with the most difficult hints to guess from. They must guess exactly the beginning or ending that is there, even when other things would be correct. They can only guess once per hint, and if their guess is wrong then they must wait until others have had a chance to guess. Note that spelling and other changes are sometimes necessary.*

**Optional:** *When they have guessed the starting or ending, see if they can guess other words made the same way from the same list. Again, they must get exactly what is there.*

*Guess in the same way with the hints that your partner reads out. Then do the same for other groups of words.*

*Ask about any words or affixes which you are not sure about.*

*Read out just one left-hand word and see if your partner can guess (exactly) the other form that is on the worksheet.*

*Read out two forms of one word and see how many others from the same group the other people can think of.*

**able**

notice/ noticeable, imagine/ imaginable, cure/ curable, deny/ deniable, dispose/ disposable, accept/ acceptable, achieve/ achievable, adapt/ adaptable, adjust/ adjustable, adore/ adorable, advise/ advisable, afford/ affordable, approach/ approachable

**ably**

notice/ noticeably, argue/ arguably, compare/ comparably, presume/ presumably, predict/ predictably, recognise/ recognisably, admire/ admirably, accept/ acceptably, account/ accountably, admire/ admirably, consider/ considerably, note/ notably, remark/ remarkably

**ac**

knowledge/ acknowledge, company/ accompany, credit/ accredit, custom/ accustom, count/ account, climatization/ acclimatization, culture/ acculture, cord/ accord, claim/ acclaim

**age**

pack/ package, store/ storage, percent/ percentage, cover/ coverage, short/ shortage, pass/ passage, use/ usage, drain/ drainage, volt/ voltage, patron/ patronage, bag/ baggage, post/ postage, link/ linkage, assemble/ assemblage, coin/ coinage, mile/ mileage, leak/ leakage, orphan/ orphanage, peer/ peerage, wreck/ wreckage, lever/ leverage

**al**

approve/ approval, anatomy/ anatomical, controversy/ controversial, propose/ proposal, nation/ national, person/ personal, nature/ natural, profession/ professional, norm/ normal, origin/ original, industry/ industrial, sign/ signal, tradition/ traditional, commerce/ commercial, region/ regional, addition/ additional, arrive/ arrival

**ally**

academic/ academically, acerbic/ acerbically, acoustic/ acoustically, acrobatic/ acrobatically, aerobic/ aerobically, aesthetic/ aesthetically, anarchic/ anarchically, anatomic/ anatomically, angelic/ angelically, antagonistic/ antagonistically, norm/ normally, origin/ originally, nature/ naturally, occasion/ occasionally, specific/ specifically, basic/ basically

**ance**

attend/ attendance, rely/ reliance, abundant/ abundance, acceptant/ acceptance, ally/ alliance, allow/ allowance, ambulant/ ambulance, annoy/ annoyance, appear/ appearance, apply/ appliance, arrogant/ arrogance, assist/ assistance, perform/ performance, insure/ insurance, resist/ resistance, enter/ entrance

**ant**

converse/ conversant, please/ pleasant, import/ important, defend/ defendant, serve/ servant, assist/ assistant, consult/ consultant, protest/ protestant, inhabit/ inhabitant, vary/ variant, attend/ attendant, descend/ descendent, claim/ claimant, inform/ informant, ignore/ ignorant, resist/ resistant

**anti**

biotic/ antibiotic, depressant/ antidepressant, social/ antisocial, septic/ antiseptic, psychotic/ antipsychotic, American/ anti-American, monopoly/ antimonopoly, nausea/ anti-nausea, missile/ anti-missile, matter/ antimatter, body/ antibody, trust/ antitrust,

**ary**

revolution/ revolutionary, custom/ customary, bound/ boundary, second/ secondary, comment/ commentary, mission/ missionary, burgle/ burglary, discipline/ disciplinary, evolution/ evolutionary, supplement/ supplementary, compliment/ complimentary

**ate**

origin/ originate, design/ designate, active/ activate, fortune/ fortunate, equal/ equate, alien/ alienate, valid/ validate, assassin/ assassinate, temper/ temperate, affection/ affectionate, doctor/ doctorate, compassion/ compassionate, consider/ considerate

**ation**

realise/ realisation, acclimatize/ acclimatization, accredit/ accreditation, cancel/ cancellation, capitalise/ capitalisation, categorise/ categorisation, cause/ causation, centralise/ centralisation, characterise/ characterisation, colonise/ colonisation

**ative**

compare/ comparative, imagine/ imaginative, represent/ representative, conserve/ conservative, derive/ derivative, consult/ consultative, quality/ qualitative, inform/ informative, form/ formative, affirm/ affirmative, norm/ normative, preserve/ preservative

**back**

draw/ drawback, kick/ kickback, feed/ feedback, paper/ paperback, set/ setback, cut/ cutback, play/ playback, fall/ fallback, come/ comeback, flash/ flashback

**cal**

philosophy/ philosophical, anatomy/ anatomical, psychology/ psychological, history/ historical, biology/ biological, ideology/ ideological, geography/ geographical, technology/ technological, geology/ geological, archaeology/ archaeological

**cation**

modify/ modifications, amplify/ amplification, clarify/ clarification, classify/ classification, codify/ codification, certify/ certification, mystify/ mystification, qualify/ qualification, edify/ edification, falsify/ falsification, fortify/ fortification, gentrify/ gentrification, glory/ glorification

**cy**

bankrupt/ bankruptcy, vibrant/ vibrancy, truant/ truancy, accountant/ accountancy, ascendant/ ascendancy, buoyant/ buoyancy, constant/ constancy, consultant/ consultancy, deviant/ deviancy, expectant/ expectancy, flippant/ flippancy, agent/ agency, democrat/ democracy

**dis**

approval/ disapproval, courage/ discourage, orientation/ disorientation, able/ disable, credit/ discredit, comfort/ discomfort, content/ discontent, favour/ disfavour, illusion/ disillusion, enchanted/ disenchant, engagement/ disengagement, agreeable/ disagreeable, arm/ disarm, charge/ discharge, cord/ discord, continue/ discontinue

**edly**

devote/ devotedly, admit/ admittedly, advise/ advisedly, allege/ allegedly, animate/ animatedly, assure/ assuredly, calculate/ calculatedly, decide/ decidedly, deserve/ deservedly, detach/ detachedly

**eer**

mountain/ mountaineer, chariot/ charioteer, engine/ engineer, voluntary/ volunteer, auction/ auctioneer, mutiny/ mutineer, market/ marketeer, orient/ orienteer, musket/ musketeer, private/ privateer, racket/ racketeer, puppet/ puppeteer,

**em**

power/ empower, bed/ embed, battle/ embattle, bitter/ embitter, blaze/ emblaze, balm/ embalm, body/ embody, placement/ emplacement,

**en**

able/ enable, numerate/ enumerate, lighten/ enlighten, courage/ encourage, close/ enclose, code/ encode, case/ encase, circle/ encircle, danger/ endanger, large/ enlarge, rich/ enrich, cage/ encage, chain/ enchain, force/ enforce, franchise/ enfranchise, tangle/ entangle, trench/ entrench, trust/ entrust

**en**

threat/ threaten, strength/ strengthen, ripe/ ripen, wide/ widen, length/ lengthen, black/ blacken, dark/ darken, sad/ sadden, moist/ moisten, mad/ madden, fright/ frighten, straight/ straighten, gold/ golden, wood/ wooden, tight/ tighten, weak/ weaken, straight/ straighten, soft/ soften

**ence**

emerge/ emergence, exist/ existence, cohere/ coherence, adhere/ adherence, depend/ dependence, occur/ occurrence, absent/ absence, abstinent/ abstinence, adolescent/ adolescence, affluent/ affluence, ambient/ ambience, ambivalent/ ambivalence, violent/ violence, belligerent/ belligerence, benevolent/ benevolence

**extra**

ordinary/ extraordinary, curricular/ extracurricular, terrestrial/ extra-terrestrial, judicial/ extrajudicial, marital/ extramarital, mural/ extramural, sensory/ extrasensory, vehicular/ extravehicular

**fall**

rain/ rainfall, down/ downfall, short/ shortfall, water/ waterfall, snow/ snowfall, night/ nightfall, rockfall

**ful**

mercy/ merciful, fruit/ fruitful, dread/ dreadful, pain/ painful, peace/ peaceful, doubt/ doubtful, cheer/ cheerful, meaning/ meaningful, faith/ faithful, mouth/ mouthful, youth/ youthful, harm/ harmful, plenty/ plentiful, spoon/ spoonful, plenty/ plentiful, force/ forceful

**hood**

likely/ likelihood, adult/ adulthood, brother/ brotherhood, child/ childhood, false/ falsehood, knight/ knighthood, neighbour/ neighbourhood, victim/ victimhood, boy/ boyhood, father/ fatherhood, bachelor/ bachelorhood, knight/ knighthood, man/ manhood, sister/ sisterhood

**ians**

politics/ politicians, guard/ guardians, music/ musicians, civil/ civilians, library/ librarians, Egypt/ Egyptians, magic/ magicians, theology/ theologians, clinic/ clinicians, custody/ custodians, electric/ electricians, statistics/ statisticians, reptile/ reptilian

**ible**

access/ accessible, audio/ audible, collapse/ collapsible, collect/ collectible, combust/ combustible, compress/ compressible, connect/ connectible, contempt/ contemptible, sense/ sensible, convert/ convertible, resist/ resistible, force/ forcible

**ical**

cylinder/ cylindrical, rhythm/ rhythmical, type/ typical, bible/ biblical, graph/ graphical, theatre/ theatrical, period/ periodical, canon/ canonical, satire/ satirical, myth/ mythical, cone/ conical, dialect/ dialectical, quiz/ quizzical, farce/ farcical, poet/ poetical

**ic**

graph/ graphic, base/ basic, symbol/ symbolic, alcohol/ alcoholic, atom/ atomic, diabetes/ diabetic, bureaucrat/ bureaucratic, photograph/ photographic, colon/ colonic, volcano/ volcanic, atmosphere/ atmospheric, genre/ generic, hero/ heroic, mime/ mimic

**ify**

example/ exemplify, just/ justify, clear/ clarify, note/ notify, sign/ signify, diverse/ diversify, type/ typify, pure/ purify, false/ falsify, solid/ solidify, code/ codify

**im**

practical/ impractical, prudent/ imprudent, mature/ immature, measurable/ immeasurable, moral/ immoral, movable/ immovable, partial/ impartial, passable/ impassable, perceptibly/ imperceptibly, possibility/ impossibility, mobility/ immobility, balance/ imbalance, mortal/ immortal, perfect/ imperfect, personal/ impersonal, pure/ impure

**in**

frequent/ infrequent, different/ indifferent, valuable/ invaluable, ability/ inability, comprehensible/ incomprehensible, conceivable/ inconceivable, conclusive/ inconclusive, credible/ incredible, justice/ injustice, put/ input, security/ insecurity, significant/ insignificant, voluntary/ involuntary, comparable/ incomparable, consequential/ inconsequential, curable/ incurable, finite/ infinite, sufficient/ insufficient, voluntarily/ involuntarily

**ingly**

increase/ increasingly, surprise/ surprisingly, accord/ accordingly, seem/ seemingly, overwhelm/ overwhelmingly, will/ willingly, exceed/ exceedingly, correspond/ correspondingly, amaze/ amazingly, convince/ convincingly, love/ lovingly, strike/ strikingly

**ings**

find/ findings, surround/ surroundings, gather/ gatherings, proceed/ proceedings, earn/ earnings, save/ savings, record/ recordings, set/ settings, deal/ dealings, head/ headings, dwell/ dwellings, fit/ fittings, rate/ ratings, cut/ cuttings, bear/ bearings, furnish/ furnishings

**ir**

rational/ irrational, redeemable/ irredeemable, regular/ irregular, relevance/ irrelevance, reproachable/ irreproachable, responsible/ irresponsible, responsive/ unresponsive, reverent/ irreverent, reversible/ irreversible, revocable/ irrevocable, reparable/ irreparable, replaceable/ irreplaceable, resistible/ irresistible

**is**

diagnose/ diagnosis, emphasize/ emphasis, analyse/ analysis, base/ basis, synthesize/ synthesis, paralyse/ paralysis, hypnotise/ hypnosis

**ise/ ize**

popular/ popularise, expert/ expertise, emphasis/ emphasise, character/ characterise, special/ specialise, mobile/ mobilise, symbol/ symbolise, stable/ stabilise, general/ generalise, visual/ visualise, private/ privatise, crystal/ crystallise, rational/ rationalise

**istic**

character/ characteristic, real/ realistic, art/ artistic, style/ stylistic, simple/ simplistic, natural/ naturalistic, individual/ individualistic, ideal/ idealistic, paternal/ paternalistic, ritual/ ritualistic, legal/ legalistic

**ists**

psychology/ psychologists, botany/ botanists, special/ specialists, journal/ journalists, tour/ tourists, capital/ capitalists, economy/ economists, national/ nationalists, terror/ terrorists, therapy/ therapists, novel/ novelists

**ity**

mature/ maturity, rigid/ rigidity, ambiguous/ ambiguity, diverse/ diversity, intense/ intensity, scarce/ scarcity, secure/ security, commune/ community, active/ activity, major/ majority, able/ ability, real/ reality, liable/ liability, minor/ minority, mortal/ mortality, stable/ stability

**ive**

effect/ effective, distinct/ distinctive, appreciate/ appreciative, repulse/ repulsive, initiate/ initiative, execute/ executive, narrate/ narrative, speculate/ speculative, aggression/ aggressive, assert/ assertive, associate/ associative, collaboration/ collaborative, compete/ competitive, direct/ directive, evaluate/ evaluative, festival/ festive

**lessness**

age/ agelessness, aim/ aimlessness, air/ airlessness, art/ artlessness, breath/ breathlessness, care/ carelessness, child/ childlessness, class/ classlessness, defence/ defencelessness, effort/ effortlessness, power/ powerlessness

**ly**

leisure/ leisurely, live/ lively, elder/ elderly, cost/ costly, dead/ deadly, coward/ cowardly, disorder/ disorderly, ghost/ ghostly, heaven/ heavenly, hill/ hilly, miser/ miserly, order/ orderly, quarter/ quarterly, scholar/ scholarly

**ment**

attach/ attachment, enhance/ enhancement, abandon/ abandonment, abolish/ abolishment, accomplish/ accomplishment, achieve/ achievement, acknowledge/ acknowledgement, adjust/ adjustment, ail/ ailment, amaze/ amazement, amend/ amendment

**mis**

lead/ mislead, carry/ miscarry, lead/ mislead, understanding/ misunderstanding, use/ misuse, fortune/ misfortune, conduct/ misconduct, representation/ misrepresentation, trust/ mistrust, conception/ misconception, guided/ misguided, behave/ misbehave, deed/ misdeed, fit/ misfit, interpret/ misinterpret, judge/ misjudge, management/ mismanagement, place/ misplace, pronounce/ mispronounce,

**ness**

lonely/ loneliness, alert/ alertness, aware/ awareness, sleepy/ sleepiness, conscious/ consciousness, weak/ weakness, fit/ fitness, sick/ sickness, ready/ readiness, willing/ willingness, like/ likeness, fond/ fondness, holy/ holiness, deaf/ deafness

**ous**

rigour/ rigorous, zeal/ zealous, ceremony/ ceremonious, disaster/ disastrous, autonomy/ autonomous, virtue/ virtuous, advantage/ advantageous, vary/ various, anxiety/ anxious, ambition/ ambitious, fury/ furious, mystery/ mysterious, caution/ cautious, tedium/ tedious

**out**

set/ outset, standing/ outstanding, put/ output, sourcing/ outsourcing, come/ outcome, side/ outside, line/ outline, look/ outlook, break/ outbreak, let/ outlet, fit/ outfit, rage/ outrage, doors/ outdoors, burst/ outburst, patient/ outpatient, right/ outright, lay/ outlay

**ption**

conceive/ conception, assume/ assumption, perceive/ perception, describe/ description, consume/ consumption, receive/ reception, subscribe/ subscription, deceive/ deception, presume/ presumption, resume/ resumption, absorb/ absorption

**re**

cycle/ recycle, place/ replace, start/ restart, search/ research, turn/ return, view/ review, present/ represent, source/ resource, move/ remove, form/ reform, mind/ remind, cover/ recover, solve/ resolve, new/ renew, structure/ restructure, assure/ reassure, creation/

recreation

**ship**

relation/ relationship, apprentice/ apprenticeship, bipartisan/ bipartisanship, author/ authorship, chairman/ chairmanship, champion/ championship, citizen/ citizenship, acquaintance/ acquaintanceship, companion/ companionship, craftsman/ craftsmanship, reader/ readership

**sion**

emit/ emission, erode/ erosion, comprehend/ comprehension, provide/ provision, divide/ division, discuss/ discussion, express/ expression, conclude/ conclusion, impress/ impression, recede/ recession, extend/ extension, expand/ expansion, permit/ permission

**sive**

decide/ decisive, extend/ extensive, conclude/ conclusive, elude/ elusive, comprehend/ comprehensive, impress/ impressive, offend/ offensive, exclude/ exclusive, succeed/ successive, exceed/ excessive, defend/ defensive, explode/ explosive

**sur**

round/ surround, real/ surreal, plus/ surplus, charge/ surcharge, pass/ surpass, name/ surname, face/ surface

**tic**

drama/ dramatic, emphasis/ emphatic, enigma/ enigmatic, gene/ genetic, democrat/ democratic, bio/ biotic, diagnosis/ diagnostic, energy/ energetic, chaos/ chaotic, trauma/ traumatic, aroma/ aromatic, charisma/ charismatic, asthma/ asthmatic, dogma/ dogmatic

**un**

wise/ unwise, doubted/ undoubted, related/ unrelated, able/ unable, connected/ unconnected, forgettable/ unforgettable, known/ unknown, arguably/ unarguably, aware/ unaware, ceremoniously/ unceremoniously, certainty/ uncertainty, conditionally/ unconditionally, critically/ uncritically, deniable/ undeniable, drinkable/ undrinkable, enlightened/ unenlightened, expectedly/ unexpectedly, imaginable/ unimaginable, imaginative/ unimaginative, necessarily/ unnecessarily, pleasant/ unpleasant, predictably/ unpredictably

**under**

taken/ undertaken, estimate/ underestimate, go/ undergo, line/ underline, represented/ underrepresented, ground/ underground, rate/ underrate, score/ underscore, state/ understate, take/ undertake, pin/ underpin, age/ underage, class/ underclass, carriage/ undercarriage, cover/ undercover, current/ undercurrent, developed/ underdeveloped, growth/ undergrowth,

**ure**

proceed/ procedure, moist/ moisture, press/ pressure, fail/ failure, please/ pleasure, architect/ architecture, depart/ departure, expose/ exposure, close/ closure, sculpt/ sculpture, legislate/ legislature, enclose/ enclosure, fix/ fixture, seize/ seizure