

Word Families

1. Tick the suffixes that can be used with the root words below to make a new word.

root word	-less	-ful
lonely		
fear		
heart		
doubt		
delight		

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4. Create two sentences for each root word by using different prefixes and suffixes.

joy

read

en-

-less

-ing

-ful

-ous

re-

A

2. Match each prefix to the correct meaning below.

pre-

against

semi-

before

anti-

middle

mid-

half

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5. Robert has written the sentences below.

A. Josie's report on the football match was done sufficiently.

B. Harvey had insufficient funds in his bank account.

Explain how the prefixes and suffixes have been used to change the meaning of the underlined words.

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3. What does the root word mean in the word family below?

replace

placed

misplace

achieve

put

carry

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6. Bertie is thinking about the prefixes and suffixes that can be used with the root word 'music'.

He says,



The words unmusical, musician and musically all belong to the same word family.

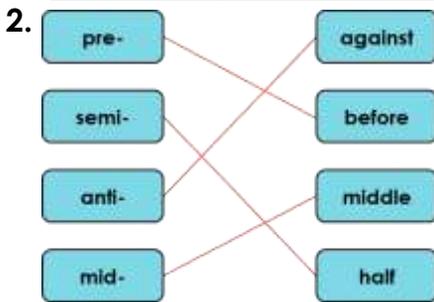
Is Bertie correct?
Explain how you know.

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root word	-less	-ful
lonely	✓	
fear	✓	✓
heart	✓	
doubt	✓	✓
delight		✓



3. put

4. Various answers, for example:

I need to re-read my work to check whether I have made any mistakes.

My birthday is a joyous occasion.

I like reading a book before I go to bed.

I enjoy cycling and swimming on a weekend.

5. A. The suffix '-ly' has been added to sufficient to make a new word. It means that the report was done well enough.

B. The prefix 'in-' has been added to sufficient to make a new word. 'Insufficient' means that he doesn't have enough money in his account.

6. Bertie is correct. The prefix un- and the suffixes '-cian' and '-ly' can be added to the root word music to make new words.