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Base Words and Affixes: Learn and Practice

Build meaning with re, un, ful and less

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Base Words and Affixes

- A base word is the main word. A prefix goes before it and a suffix goes after it.
- Re means again, un means not, ful means full of, and less means without.
- un + kind = unkind, hope + less = hopeless

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A. color again B. without color C. not colored D. full of color

2 😞 What does unhappy mean?

A. very happy B. not happy C. happy again D. full of happy

3 📖 What does reread mean?

A. read before B. read again C. not read D. full of reading

4 🖌️ Which word means paint again?

A. paintless B. paintful C. repaint D. unpaint

5 🦁 Which word means without fear?

A. refear B. fearless C. unfear D. fearful

6 Which prefix makes a word mean not?

A. less B. ful C. un D. re

7 🔓 What is the base word in unlock?

A. lock B. ock C. unlo D. un

8 What does careless mean?

A. full of care B. care again C. very careful D. without care

✏️ Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for base words and affixes and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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1 🌈 What does colorful mean?

A. color again B. without color C. not colored **D. full of color**

The suffix ful means full of, so colorful means full of color.

2 😞 What does unhappy mean?

A. very happy **B. not happy** C. happy again D. full of happy

The prefix un means not, so unhappy means not happy.

3 📖 What does reread mean?

A. read before **B. read again** C. not read D. full of reading

The prefix re means again, so reread means read again.

4 🖌️ Which word means paint again?

A. paintless B. paintful **C. repaint** D. unpaint

Re means again, so repaint means paint again.

5 🦁 Which word means without fear?

A. refear **B. fearless** C. unfear D. fearful

Less means without, so fearless means without fear.

6 Which prefix makes a word mean not?

A. less B. ful **C. un** D. re

Un means not, like unfair or unsafe.

7 🔓 What is the base word in unlock?

A. lock B. ock C. unlo D. un

Take away the prefix un and you have the base word lock.

8 What does careless mean?

A. full of care B. care again C. very careful **D. without care**

The suffix less means without, so careless means without care.