

Vocabulary and pronunciation

Word building – prefixes and suffixes

- 1 Look at the words in *italics* from the text on p85.

Taylor does think *selfishness* was a problem.

He went at things *non-stop*.

Which of the words uses a **prefix**? Which uses a **suffix**?

- 2 Read about prefixes and answer the questions.

Prefixes are used to change the meanings of words. Look at these words with prefixes.

prediction rechargeable multilingual disagree


Which means ...? *many before again*

Which is a negative prefix?

- 3 Work with a partner. Choose a negative prefix from the box to make words 1–10 mean the opposite.

un- in- im- il- dis- ir- mis-

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| 1 possible | <i>impossible</i> | 6 appear | _____ |
| 2 patient | _____ | 7 regular | _____ |
| 3 lucky | _____ | 8 perfect | _____ |
| 4 spell | _____ | 9 formal | _____ |
| 5 legal | _____ | 10 conscious | _____ |

- 4  8.10 Listen to the lines and respond using one of the negative words from 3. Then compare your answers.

1 I'm going to stay awake for two weeks.

That's impossible!

- 5 Read about suffixes and answer the questions.

Suffixes are used to form different parts of speech.

What endings do you notice on these words?

What part of speech are they?

act action active actively activate

What part of speech are the words in the box? What are the different suffixes?

prediction	colourful	excitement
suitable	shorten	confidently
creative	kindness	automatically
imagination	educate	careless




- 6 Work in groups. Make new words with the base words, using the prefixes and/or suffixes. Which group in the class can make the most words?

Prefix	Base word	Suffix
un...	agree	...ness
im...	happy	...ment
re...	conscious	...ful
dis...	expense	...less
mis...	help	...able
in...	kind	...ive
	polite	
	success	
	understand	
	use	

- 7 Complete the sentences with a word from 6.

- Bob and Jan don't get on at all. They dis_____ about everything.
- Money can't buy you h_____ness.
- The sales assistant was very im_____. I told her manager how rude she'd been.
- Thanks for your advice – it was really h_____ful. I do appreciate all your k_____ness.
- My dad is u_____less at telling jokes. He always gets the ending wrong.
- I wasn't being un_____. I think you mis_____ what I said.
- Tim fell off his bike and hit his head. He was un_____ for 20 minutes.
- Most supermarkets now sell r_____able plastic bags.

Changing word stress

- 8  8.11 Listen to four short conversations. Write down the pairs of words with stress changes.

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| 1 <u>operate</u> | <u>operation</u> | 3 _____ | _____ |
| 2 _____ | _____ | 4 _____ | _____ |

Practise the conversations.

 Go online for more vocabulary practice