Prefixes and suffixes worksheet

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For grown-ups: 10 questions from our prefixes and suffixes practice, easier ones first. Read a question aloud if your child wants that, then check together with the answer key on page 2. Circle one answer for each problem.

1. **What does the prefix 'un-' mean?**

   ○ full of ○ not ○ again

2. **Does 'unlock' mean to lock again?**

   unlock

   ○ Yes ○ No

3. **Who is a painter?**

   painter

   ○ a can of paint
   ○ to paint again
   ○ a person who paints

4. **What does 'unhappy' mean?**

   unhappy

   ○ very happy
   ○ not happy
   ○ happy again

5. **What does the prefix 're-' mean?**

   ○ without ○ again ○ not

6. **What does 'careless' mean?**

   careless

   ○ without care
   ○ full of care
   ○ caring again

7. **What does 'colorful' mean?**

   colorful

   ○ full of color
   ○ without color
   ○ to color again

8. **Which word means 'not kind'?**

   ○ unkind ○ kinder ○ kindness

9. **Does 'rebuild' mean to build again?**

   rebuild

   ○ Yes ○ No

10. **Which word means 'without sleep'?**

    ○ sleepy ○ sleepless ○ sleeper

Answer key: Prefixes and suffixes

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1. **not**
   Un- means not. Unhappy is not happy, and unlock means to make something not locked.
2. **No**
   No. Unlock means to open a lock. Un- means not, so it is the opposite of lock.
3. **a person who paints**
   A painter is a person who paints. The suffix -er can mean someone who does the action.
4. **not happy**
   Unhappy means not happy. The prefix un- means not.
5. **again**
   Re- means again. Redo is do again, and replay is play again.
6. **without care**
   Careless means without care. The suffix -less means without.
7. **full of color**
   Colorful means full of color. The suffix -ful means full of.
8. **unkind**
   Unkind means not kind. The prefix un- means not.
9. **Yes**
   Yes! Rebuild means to build again. The prefix re- means again.
10. **sleepless**
    Sleepless means without sleep. The suffix -less means without.