

Meaning of prefixes and suffixes

Grade 4 Vocabulary Worksheet

Define and use these prefixes and suffixes.

misbehave

misread

misspell

What does the prefix "mis-" mean? _____

Write another word with the prefix "mis-": _____

defeat

decrease

defrost

What does the prefix "de-" mean? _____

Write another word with the prefix "de-": _____

underground

underfed

underachieve

What does the prefix "under-" mean? _____

Write another word with the prefix "under-": _____

enjoyment

replacement

excitement

What does the suffix "-ment" mean? _____

Write another word with the suffix "-ment": _____

wooden

dampen

tighten

What does the suffix "-en" mean? _____

Write another word with the suffix "-en": _____

badly

friendly

quickly

What does the suffix "-ly" mean? _____

Write another word with the suffix "-ly": _____

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Answers:

misbehave

misread

misspell

What does the prefix "mis-" mean? **badly or wrongly**

Write another word with the prefix "mis-": **misunderstood, misdirection, mislead**

defeat

decrease

defrost

What does the prefix "de-" mean? **away from, reduced from**

Write another word with the prefix "de-": **deform, deconstruct, deactivate**

underground

underfed

underachieve

What does the prefix "under-" mean? **too little or below**

Write another word with the prefix "under-": **underpay, undercharge, underweight**

enjoyment

replacement

excitement

What does the suffix "-ment" mean? **the act of**

Write another word with the suffix "-ment": **acknowledgement, improvement, contentment**

wooden

dampen

tighten

What does the suffix "-en" mean? **made of, to make**

Write another word with the suffix "-en": **deepen, darken, brighten**

badly

friendly

quickly

What does the suffix "-ly" mean? **characteristic of**

Write another word with the suffix "-ly": **sadly, quickly, lovely**
