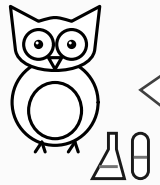
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Prefixes & Suffixes Word Lab

Use the prefix and suffix vials to build 8 new words matching each clue, then circle the affix and underline the root in the 3 words below.



Welcome to Sacha the Owl's word-chemistry lab! Combine labeled prefix and suffix vials with root words, then dissect three derived words below.

Worked example: prefix + root -> new word

re + write -> rewrite

(write again)

Part 1 — Prefix Vials: pick a prefix from the bank to build the word that matches each clue.



1. not fair
   fair → _____
2. heat before
   heat → _____
3. not agree
   agree → _____
4. build again
   build → _____

Part 2 — Suffix Vials: pick a suffix from the bank to attach to each root word.



1. full of care
   care → _____
2. without fear
   fear → _____
3. one who paints
   paint → _____
4. in a quick way
   quick → _____

Part 3 — Word Dissection: circle the prefix or suffix and underline the root word.

1. unhappy
   Affix: _____
   Root: _____
2. helpful
   Affix: _____
   Root: _____
3. repaint
   Affix: _____
   Root: _____

Sacha's tip: prefixes attach to the front of a root word to shift its meaning, while suffixes attach to the end!