

Reading Long Words

Build the Word: Multiple Affixes

Long words are built from parts: un + break + able, hope + less + ly, un + help + ful + ness. Take a word apart to read it, put it together to spell it, and add up the meanings of the parts.

un break a ble

un + break + able: not able to be broken.



IN THIS FREE SAMPLE

- Lesson 1: prefix + base + suffix
- Take words apart, put them together
- A prefix sort and a parts task
- An original story with reading strips
- Answers for every activity
- For grades 3–6

1 Find the base word

2 Peel off the prefix

3 Peel off each suffix

4 Add up the meanings

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · About 15 minutes a session · Supplemental practice, not a diagnosis or a full program

How this book works

Three lessons, four short sessions each.

This book is for a learner who reads words with one prefix or one suffix but stalls when a word has several parts. Find the base word first, then peel off each prefix and suffix, and add up the meanings: un + break + able is not able to be broken.

Lesson 1 has a prefix, a base and a suffix. Lesson 2 has a base and two suffixes (hope + less + ly). Lesson 3 has a prefix, a base and two suffixes (un + help + ful + ness). Reading the word and knowing what it means are practiced separately: a learner can do one before the other.

EACH LESSON: FOUR PAGES

Learn	A warm-up, the routine, a model word (I do) and words to read together (We do).
Practice	Activities with help, and sentences to read aloud.
On your own	New words the learner has not seen in this book. The partner only marks.
Read it for real	An original story, questions, and words to spell.

MARKING

Right · Fixed it (the learner corrected themselves: count it as right) · Needed help. Note what went wrong, not just that it did.

NOT A TEST OR A DIAGNOSIS

Supplemental practice. It does not screen for or diagnose dyslexia or any reading difficulty, and it is not a full reading program. Progress depends on the learner, the time spent and the teaching around it.

PRONUNCIATION

Parts and chunks are different: parts follow the meaning (un + break + able), chunks follow the sound (un|break|a|ble). Both are right.

Prefix + base + suffix

unbreakable, refillable, disagreement, unfriendly: three parts, one word.

Before you start: reads words with one prefix or one suffix (unlock, hopeful).

WARM-UP

Three base words: prefixes and suffixes will go on them. Mark right, fixed it or needed help.

break

☐ **fill**

☐ **agree**

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THE ROUTINE

1. Find the base word
2. Peel off the prefix
3. Peel off each suffix
4. Add up the meanings

I DO · THE ADULT READS ALOUD

un break a ble

Find the base word: break. Peel off the prefix: un- (not). Peel off the suffix: -able (able to be). Add up the meanings: not able to be broken. Chunks: un|break|a|ble.

WE DO · READ TOGETHER AND DRAW A SCOOP UNDER EACH CHUNK

refillable

disagreement

unfriendly

misplaced

ADULT: WATCH FOR

Reading the word without one of its parts ("breakable" for unbreakable), or missing a spelling change (place + ed = placed: the e drops). Point to each part and say its meaning.

Practice: Prefix + base + suffix

Work with your partner. Help is fine here.

A Read each word. Find its prefix. Write the word under it.

unthinkable

unpacked

unwashed

rebuilding

refilled

distrustful

dishonestly

mistreated

un-

re-

dis-

mis-

B Write each word as prefix + base + suffix. Watch for spelling changes.

preheated

unwrapped

disrespectful

uneventful

C Read each sentence aloud. Your partner marks the circle when every long word is right.

1. The unbreakable bottle is refillable.

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2. We had a disagreement about the unfriendly dog.

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On your own: Prefix + base + suffix

New words first, then words at work. Use the routine; your partner only marks.

A Decoding: read each word aloud. Your partner marks how it went.

		right	fixed it	needed help
1	unfairly	☐	☐	☐
2	unsafely	☐	☐	☐
3	unhealthy	☐	☐	☐
4	reheating	☐	☐	☐
5	unbuttoned	☐	☐	☐
6	rethinking	☐	☐	☐
7	unlocking	☐	☐	☐

Words right (fixed it counts as right): _____ / 7

B Meaning: read the word. Circle the meaning that fits.

unfairly

in a way that is not fair

fair again

reheating

heating again

not heating

unhealthy

very healthy

not healthy

Read it for real

Read the story aloud. Answer the questions. Spell two words.

The Unbreakable Bottle

Maya's water bottle was unbreakable and refillable. Every morning she filled it before school. One day she misplaced it, and she had a disagreement with her brother about who had taken it. Then she found it in the box they had unpacked the night before. "I was rethinking everything," she laughed. Her brother was not unfriendly about it at all.

READING STRIPS · READ EACH LINE THREE TIMES; TICK A BOX EACH TIME

unbreakable | and refillable

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she misplaced it | one day

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in the box | they had unpacked

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1. What was special about Maya's bottle?

2. Where did she find it?

Spell it: your partner says a word. You say its chunks or parts, then write it.

1. _____

2. _____

PARTNER: TICK EACH LONG WORD READ CORRECTLY

☐ unbreakable☐ refillable☐ misplaced☐ disagreement☐ unpacked☐ rethinking☐ unfriendly

Lesson 1 answers

Prefix + base + suffix

Warm-up	break, fill, agree
I do	unbreakable (un break a ble)
We do	refillable (re fill a ble), disagreement (dis a gree ment), unfriendly (un friend ly), misplaced (mis placed)
Sentences	"The unbreakable bottle is refillable." "We had a disagreement about the unfriendly dog."
Watch for	Reading the word without one of its parts ("breakable" for unbreakable), or missing a spelling change (place + ed = placed: the e drops). Point to each part and say its meaning.
Practice A	un-: unthinkable, unpacked, unwashed · re-: rebuilding, refilled · dis-: distrustful, dishonestly · mis-: mistreated
Practice B	preheated: pre + heat + ed; unwrapped: un + wrap + ed; disrespectful: dis + respect + ful; uneventful: un + event + ful
On your own A	unfairly (un fair ly); unsafely (un safe ly); unhealthy (un health y); reheating (re heat ing); unbuttoned (un but toned); rethinking (re think ing); unlocking (un lock ing).
On your own B	unfairly: in a way that is not fair; reheating: heating again; unhealthy: not healthy
Story	1. It was unbreakable and refillable. 2. In the box they had unpacked the night before.
Dictation	unbreakable (un + break + able), refillable (re + fill + able)

THE FULL BOOK

The full Build the Word: Multiple Affixes has two more lessons (base + two suffixes; prefix + base + two suffixes), a quick check, a final check with ten new words, word cards, a progress record and every spelling change in the book.