

22 Changing meaning

Prefixes are small groups of letters that can be added to the beginnings of words to change their meaning. Suffixes are similar, but are added to the ends of words.

 **New language** Prefixes and suffixes

Aa Vocabulary Studying

 **New skill** Changing the meaning of words

22.1 KEY LANGUAGE PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

Each prefix or suffix has its own meaning, which modifies whatever word it is added to.



Jane is **unlikely** to study history because she prefers science.

un- = not



Tom was **rewriting** his essay because his teacher gave him a low grade.

re- = again



The principal was so pleased that the play was **successful**.

-ful = full of



I don't like the food in the cafeteria. It is **tasteless**.

-less = without



22.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES



Please clean up your desk. It's very **untidy**.



I didn't work very hard this year. I'll have to **retake** my exams.



Now that I've passed my exams, I am **hopeful** for the future.



What a boring lecture. Being there was **pointless**.





22.3 FILL IN THE GAPS BY ADDING PREFIXES OR SUFFIXES TO THE HIGHLIGHTED WORDS

My teacher asked me to rewrite (write) my essay.

- 1 I'm _____ (hope) that I will do well in my English exam.
- 2 You are _____ (likely) to pass the exam if you don't work harder.
- 3 The old science laboratories have been _____ (built).
- 4 I think that worrying about exams is _____ (healthy).
- 5 I think this plan can be _____ (organized) so it works better.
- 6 Thanks for all your help. You've been absolutely _____ (wonder).
- 7 I had a very _____ (rest) night, as I was worrying about my geography test.



22.4 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Wei Pan talks about her experience teaching students from two different schools.

The first school's students respected teachers.

True ☒ False ☐ Not given ☐

- 1 Some of the first school's classes were small.
True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐
- 2 The large classes meant teachers had to shout.
True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐
- 3 Being creative helps teachers succeed.
True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐
- 4 Students went home earlier at the second school.
True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐
- 5 Some of Wei's current students don't concentrate.
True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐
- 6 Students from both schools have good handwriting.
True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐
- 7 Wei doesn't think her current students will pass.
True ☐ False ☐ Not given ☐

22 CHECKLIST



Prefixes and suffixes ☐

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Changing the meaning of words ☐