

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading/ELA

Monday, April 13 – Fact or Opinion Game

Tuesday, April 14 – Fact or Opinion Worksheets, # 65 & 66

Wednesday, April 15 – Fact and Opinion, Study Island Assignment

Thursday, April 16 – Prefixes, Suffixes and Root Words Practice

Friday, April 17 – Newspaper Hunt



## Objective

The student will identify facts and opinions.

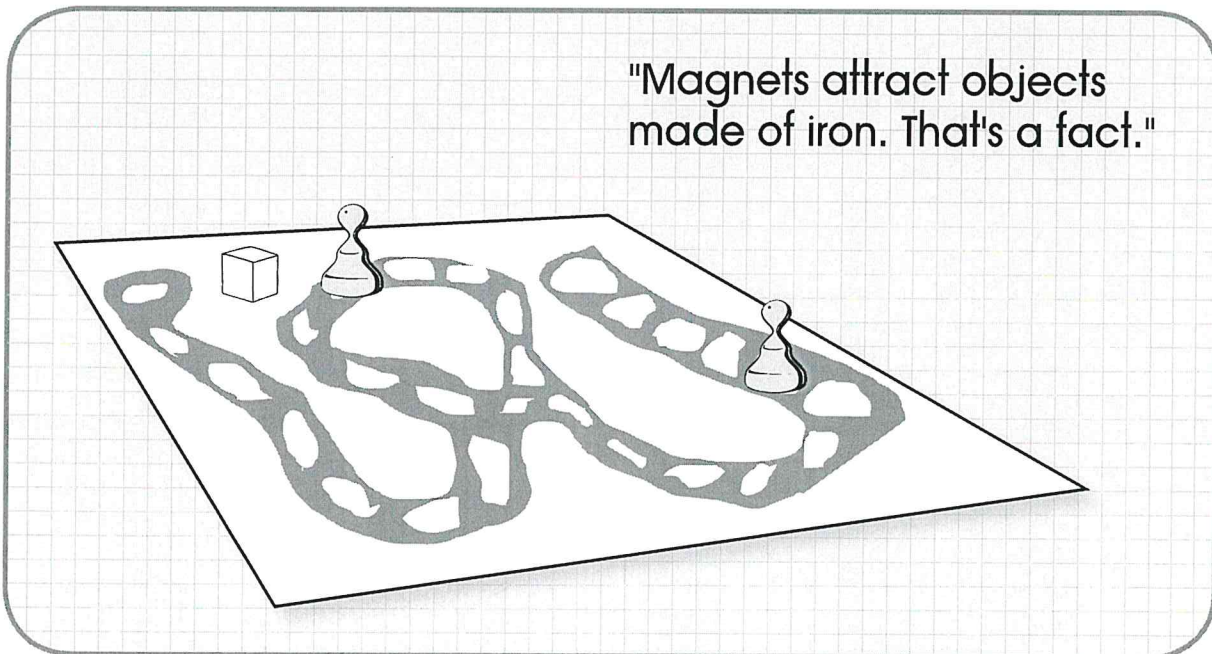
## Materials

- ▶ Game board (Activity Master C.026.AM1a - C.026.AM1b)  
*Note: If facts and opinions in this activity are not appropriate for your students, provide an answer key or use statements that are more applicable and make game board using Activity Master V.029.AM2a - V.029.AM2b.*
- ▶ Number cube (Activity Master C.026.AM3)
- ▶ Game pieces (e.g., counters)

## Activity

Students determine facts and opinions by reading statements on a game board.

1. Place game board, number cube, and game pieces on a flat surface.
2. Taking turns, students roll the number cube and move game piece the number of spaces shown on the number cube.
3. Read statement. For example, Magnets attract objects made of iron.
4. State whether the statement is a fact or an opinion (i.e., fact).
5. If correct, leave game piece on the space. If incorrect, place game piece back on the previous space.
6. Continue until both students reach the end.
7. Peer evaluation



## Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Play game by rolling number cube and stating a fact or opinion (Activity Master C.026.AM2a - C.026.AM2b).
- ▶ Circle or highlight facts and opinions in different colors on copies of text.

# Comprehension

Fact or Opinion Game

C.026.AM1a

**START**

A triangle is a three-sided figure.

It's boring to be inside on a rainy day.

The Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean border the United States.

Hurricanes cause more damage than earthquakes.

Roll again.

Football is more interesting to watch than basketball.

Dogs, cows, and whales are all mammals.

Twelve times three equals thirty-six.

Everyone should learn to play the piano.

Move back two spaces.

Calculators are useless now that there are computers.

Planes can be delayed due to bad weather.



# Comprehension

C.026.AM1b

Fact or Opinion Game

Reading is more fun than math.

Presidential elections are held every four years.

**END**

Sneakers are more comfortable than sandals.

Movies are the best type of entertainment.

Water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit.

Abraham Lincoln was President during the Civil War.

**Move back one space.**

Snakes do not make good pets.

The root "photo" means light.

People spend too much money on clothes.

People should watch less TV and read more.

Mammoths were a type of elephant that are now extinct.

Magnets attract objects made of iron.

**Move ahead one space.**

Red and yellow mixed together make orange.

Listening to a radio is better than listening to a DVD player.

**Roll again.**



# Comprehension

Fact or Opinion Game

C.026.AM2a

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Fact

Opinion

Fact

Opinion

**Roll Again**

Fact

Opinion

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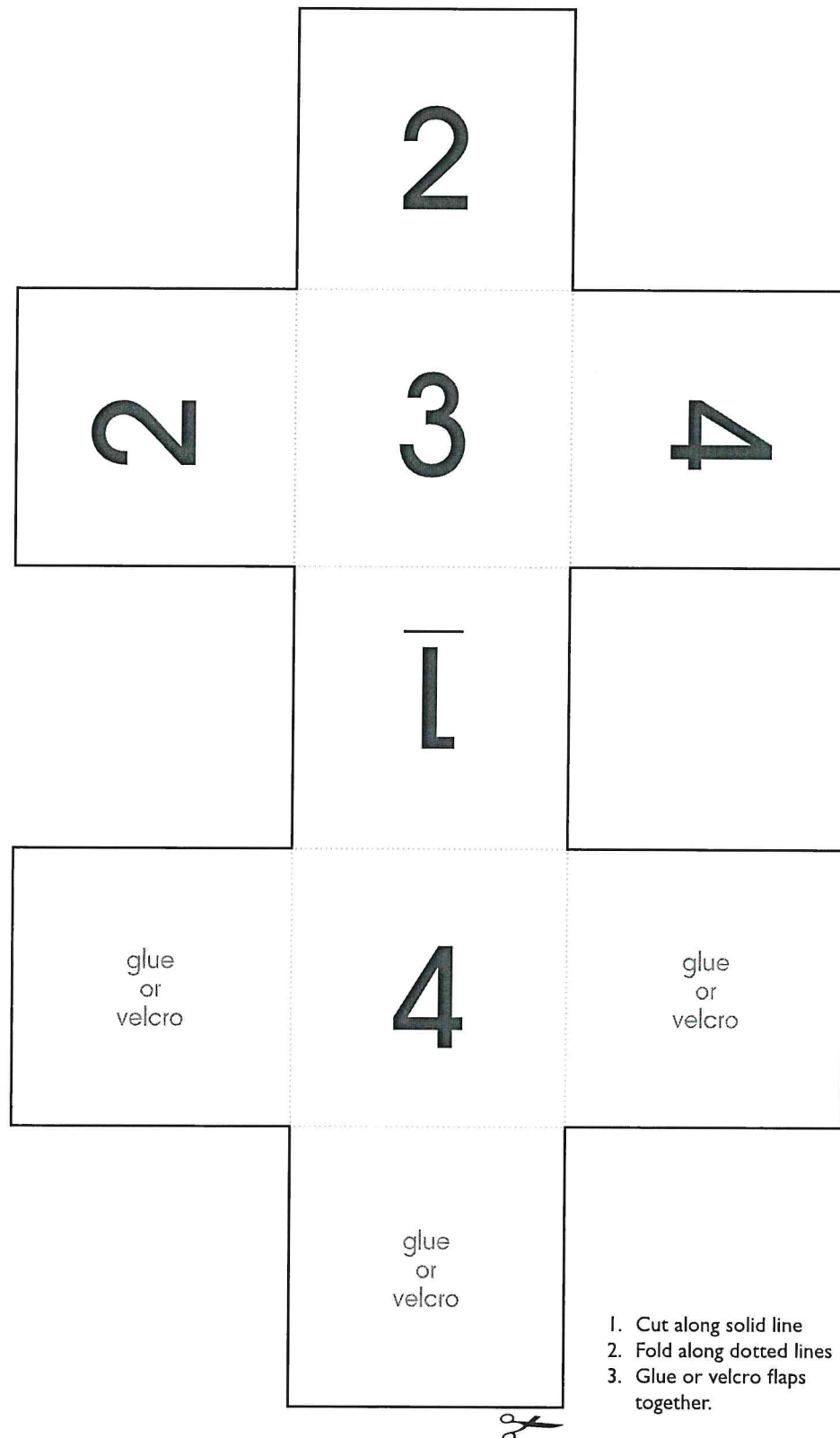
**Move back  
one space.**



# Comprehension

Fact or Opinion Game

C.026.AM3



1. Cut along solid line
2. Fold along dotted lines
3. Glue or velcro flaps together.

number cube



# Facts and Opinions

A **fact** is information that can be proved.

**Example:** Hawaii is a state.

An **opinion** is a belief. It tells what someone thinks. It cannot be proved.

**Example:** Hawaii is the prettiest state.



**Directions:** Write **F** (fact) or **O** (opinion) on the line by each sentence. The first one has been done for you.

- F   1. Hawaii is the only island state.
- 2. The best fishing is in Michigan.
- 3. It is easy to find a job in Wyoming.
- 4. Trenton is the capital of New Jersey.
- 5. Kentucky is nicknamed the Bluegrass State.
- 6. The friendliest people in the United States live in Georgia.
- 7. The cleanest beaches are in California.
- 8. Summers are most beautiful in Arizona.
- 9. Only one percent of North Dakota is forest or woodland.
- 10. New Mexico produces almost half of the nation's uranium.
- 11. The first shots of the Civil War were fired in South Carolina on April 12, 1861.
- 12. The varied geographical features of Washington include mountains, deserts, a rainforest, and a volcano.
- 13. In 1959, Alaska and Hawaii became the 49th and 50th states admitted to the Union.
- 14. Wyandotte Cave, one of the largest caves in the United States, is in Indiana.

**Directions:** Write one fact and one opinion about your own state.

Fact: \_\_\_\_\_

Opinion: \_\_\_\_\_

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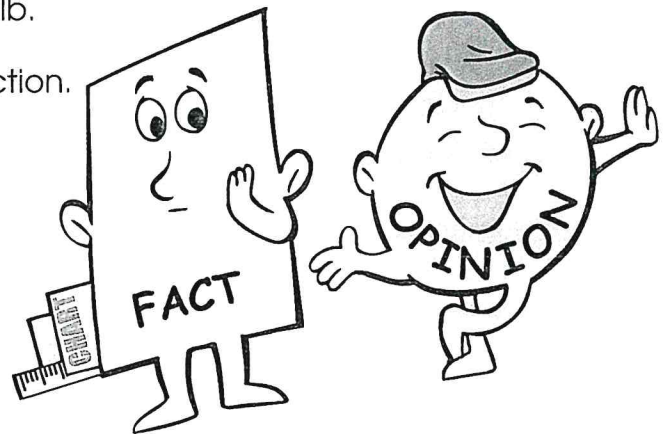
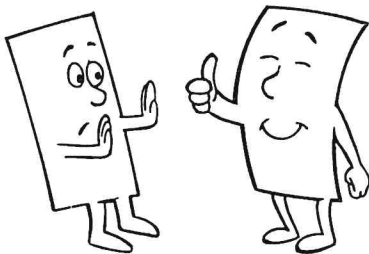
**Examples:**

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**Opinion:** Alaska is the most magnificent state.

**Directions:** Write **F** if the statement is a fact. Write **O** if the statement is an opinion.

1. \_\_\_\_ The Grand Canyon is the most scenic site in the United States.
2. \_\_\_\_ Dinosaurs roamed Earth millions of years ago.
3. \_\_\_\_ Scientists have discovered how to clone sheep.
4. \_\_\_\_ All people should attend this fair.
5. \_\_\_\_ Purebreds are the best dogs to own because they are intelligent.
6. \_\_\_\_ Nobody likes being bald.
7. \_\_\_\_ Students should be required to get straight A's to participate in extracurricular activities.
8. \_\_\_\_ Reading is an important skill that is vital in many careers.
9. \_\_\_\_ Snakes do not make good pets.
10. \_\_\_\_ Many books have been written about animals.
11. \_\_\_\_ Thomas Edison invented the lightbulb.
12. \_\_\_\_ Most people like to read science fiction.
13. \_\_\_\_ Insects have three body parts.









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*Key*

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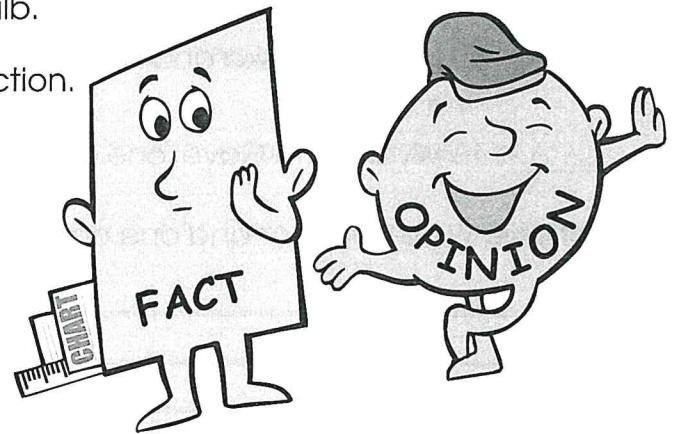
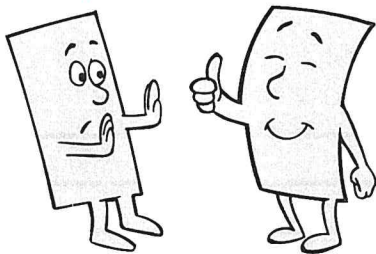
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## Study Island: Fact and Opinion

1. Which statement is a **fact**?

- A. Mariachi music is often played with guitars, trumpets, and violins.
  - B. Mariachi music is the greatest music that is played in Mexico today.
  - C. Listening to a CD with mariachi music is a good way to relax.
  - D. Listening to mariachi music is the best part about eating Mexican food.
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2. Which statement is an opinion?

- A. *Revenge of the Sith* is the subtitle of *Star Wars: Episode III*.
- B. *Star Wars: Episode III* is the final *Star Wars* film that George Lucas plans.
- C. Many fans looked forward to *Star Wars: Episode III*.
- D. *Star Wars: Episode III* is not as good as the first films.

3. Which statement is an opinion?

- A. George Steinbrenner is the current owner of the Yankees.
  - B. The Yankees were the last team that Roger Clemens played with.
  - C. The 1927 Yankees was the greatest baseball team of all time.
  - D. The 1927 Yankees won the World Series.
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Beverly Cleary was born on April 12, 1916. She wrote many books for children and young adults. Her first book, *Henry Huggins*, was written in 1950. One of the minor characters in *Henry Huggins* became the central character in her most popular series of books. That series of books, featuring Ramona Quimby, is funny and relatable. Cleary used many of the memories she had of growing up in Portland in her books. She is one of the best young adult authors of all time. Cleary's books are found in over 20 countries and have been translated into at least 14 different languages. Children around the world enjoy Cleary's funny and easy-to-read books. My sister thinks that *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* is hilarious. Cleary's books have won many awards, including two Newberry Awards.

4. Which statement from the passage is an **opinion**?

- A. Her first book, *Henry Huggins*, was written in 1950.
  - B. Cleary used many of the memories she had of growing up in Portland in her books.
  - C. That series of books, featuring Ramona Quimby, is funny and relatable.
  - D. She wrote many books for children and young adults.
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## 5. Passage 1

Langford Elementary is a school in Austin, Texas. The school was built in 1980. It is located near Kendra Page Park. The school's mascot is the Leopard.

## Passage 2

Jimmy Carter was the 39th president of the United States. He was born and raised in Georgia. He served in the Navy. He was a peanut farmer before he became the president.

Which passage contains a **fact**?

- A. both
  - B. Passage 2
  - C. neither
  - D. Passage 1
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6. Which statement is an opinion?

- A. The special effects for *X-Men 2* cost more than the original *X-Men*.
  - B. Halle Berry plays Storm again in *X-Men 2*.
  - C. *X-Men* is the most action-packed movie of the year.
  - D. Bryan Singer, who directed the original *X-Men* directs its sequel too.
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### **Jason and the Calico** by Tirzah Tyler

Laughter burst from the dining room as four women sat at the table playing a card game. Jason sat in a chair in the living room and read a book because his mom was one of the card players. They were at Mrs. Barton's house, which was across town from where Jason's family lived.

Sighing as he turned a page of *Prince Caspian*, Jason wished his mom would take him home. He liked *Prince Caspian* and had already read it twice that year, but he didn't have the desire to read it now. One of his mom's friends would usually bring one of their



kids, so Jason usually had someone to play with. But not this time. His mom's bridge club was the most difficult thing to wait through.

After a while, Jason realized that he wasn't alone in the room. He looked up and saw a cat looking right at him. Jason gasped a little bit, which made the cat meow quietly. Then it took a few steps backwards.

Jason remembered that Mrs. Barton had a calico cat named Bella that the bridge club almost never saw. "Are you Bella?" Jason whispered.

Bella the cat meowed, louder this time, and stretched out her front paws.

Slowly, Jason closed his book and set it down on the coffee table.

Bella jumped on top of the coffee table, sniffed the book, and began chewing on the corner of it.

Jason wanted to tell Bella to stop, but watching the animal nibble on his book was too interesting. It was as if he had a new friend who was trying to play with him.

Suddenly, the women in the dining room laughed again. Bella stopped nibbling, and her entire body stiffened. Her tail puffed out so that it looked like a giant cotton swab that swirled in the air.

"It's all right," Jason whispered. "It's my mom and her friends. They won't hurt you."

Bella meowed and peered wildly toward the dining room. She resembled a mountain lion planning her escape.

Slowly, Jason held out his hand. He wanted to see if Bella would let him pet her.

Bella sniffed Jason's hand and rubbed her cheek against it. Her tail wasn't as puffy anymore, and she started to purr loudly.

7. Which of the following is an **opinion** from the story?

- A. Jason had already read *Prince Caspian* twice that year.
- B. Jason looked up and saw Bella looking right at him.
- C. Bella meowed and stretched out her front paws.
- D. Bella resembled a mountain lion planning her escape.

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## When No one Seems to be Watching

by Tirzah Tyler

Roger's mom dropped him off at home after school. "Remember, do your homework, and no TV until after dinner," she told him. "Otherwise, we won't go to Dairy Queen for some ice cream on Saturday. OK?" she asked before she waved and drove off in her car.

Slowly unlocking the front door, Roger tossed his backpack on the floor and called for his dad. He had a question about his math homework. His dad was a mechanical engineer who could probably help answer his question. "Dad?" Roger called repeatedly. He finally noticed a note that was on the kitchen table in his dad's messy handwriting: "Went to the store. Be back later."

Roger scratched the top of his red-haired head and slowly realized that he was alone in the house. His mom had just left for her hair appointment, and his dad would be gone for a while. It was almost 4:00, almost time for *Adventures With Space Dog*. Roger's

friends made fun of him for liking that show, but he didn't care. *Adventures With Space Dog* was the funniest cartoon ever. Well, that is at least what Roger thought.

He ran to the TV and turned it on, and he pulled his mom's unattractive, green ottoman up close to the TV so he could sit on it and watch. This felt exciting to Roger, whose hands were shaking in anticipation as the commercials were finishing up. He only got to watch this show during the summertime because he wasn't allowed to watch TV in the afternoons during the school year.

Roger's heart raced faster as his dad suddenly appeared in the den doorway. His dad was smiling, but it was apparent that he was about to say something serious. "You don't want to go to Dairy Queen this weekend, do you?" his dad asked.

"Yes, I do want to go with you to get ice cream on Saturday. Dairy Queen has the best ice cream in town! I had some questions on my math homework that I couldn't figure out. Can you help me?" Roger replied as he grabbed the remote control and turned the TV off. Roger then stood up to follow his dad to the kitchen table.

8. Which of the following is a **fact** that the reader can learn from the story?

- A. Roger's mom has an unattractive, green ottoman.
  - B. Roger's dad is a mechanical engineer.
  - C. Roger's dad has very messy handwriting.
  - D. Roger's friends are foolish to make fun of him.
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9. Which statement is an opinion?

- A. The Nintendo DS has two screens compared with the PlayStation Portable, which only has one.
  - B. The PlayStation Portable has 16.77 million colors compared to the Nintendo DS with 260,000 colors.
  - C. The PlayStation Portable has a higher resolution of 480 x 272 compared to the Nintendo DS with 256 x 192.
  - D. The PlayStation Portable is better than the Nintendo DS.
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10. Which statement is a fact?

- A. Lower-income families may not be able to afford school uniforms.
  - B. School uniforms are better than having a dress code.
  - C. School uniforms make all students fit in, and everyone is accepted.
  - D. School uniforms make students look silly.
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# Answers

1. A
2. D
3. C
4. C
5. A
6. C
7. D
8. B
9. D
10. A

## Explanations

1. A **fact** is a statement that can be checked or proved with evidence (proof). To prove that this sentence is a fact, the reader can look in an encyclopedia and see what kinds of instruments are played with mariachi music. The reader could also visit a restaurant or market where live mariachi music is played.

2. The other three sentences are factual statements about the movie. They make points that can be proven. "*Star Wars: Episode III* is not as good as the original films." is not a fact because it cannot be proven to be true and is based on belief.

3. "The 1927 Yankees was the greatest baseball team of all time." is not a fact because it cannot be **proven** to be true and is based on belief. This statement is a widely held opinion but is still an opinion.

4. An **opinion** is a statement that shows what people believe, feel, or decide about something. Opinions cannot be proven right or wrong. Many people may find the series of books featuring Ramona Quimby funny and relatable, but some people may not. Nothing can prove that the books are funny and relatable.

5. A **fact** is a statement that can be checked or proven with evidence (proof). An example of a fact from Passage 1 is "Langford Elementary is a school in Austin, Texas." An example of a fact from Passage 2 is "Jimmy Carter was the 39th president of the United States."

6. "*X-Men* is the most action packed movie of the year" expresses a belief about the movie *X-Men* and cannot be proven factually true.

7. An **opinion** is a statement that shows what people believe, feel, or decide about something. Some people may believe that the cat from the story looked like a mountain lion planning her escape. However, other people may feel differently.



8. A **fact** is a statement that can be checked or proven with evidence (proof). If the reader were to meet Roger's dad from the story and visit him at his job, he or she could prove that Roger's dad is a mechanical engineer.

9. This states an opinion based on someone's thoughts about the facts. Another person may interpret the facts differently and hold a different opinion.

10. That some families may not be able to afford uniforms is a fact that can be backed up with evidence or proof. The other statements, although many people believe them, cannot be proven to be true.

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# Prefixes: dis- non- un-



A prefix is a word part that is added to the front of a base word to change the meaning of that word. More than one prefix may mean the same thing.

**Examples:**

The prefixes *dis-*, *non-*, and *un-* mean "not" or "the opposite of"

dis + approve = disapprove (not approve)

non + toxic = nontoxic (not toxic)

un + happy = unhappy (not happy)

A. Add the correct prefix to the front of each base word to make a new word.

dis- non- un-

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. zip _____    | 6. pleasant _____ |
| 2. honest _____ | 7. stop _____     |
| 3. fat _____    | 8. respect _____  |
| 4. agree _____  | 9. fair _____     |
| 5. ripe _____   | 10. obey _____    |

B. Use the words you made above to complete each sentence.

1. Haley knew it was \_\_\_\_\_ to copy her sister's homework.
2. Luke could not \_\_\_\_\_ his jacket.
3. Claire ate some \_\_\_\_\_ yogurt before going for a run.
4. Gloria did not tolerate \_\_\_\_\_ from anyone.
5. Phil worked \_\_\_\_\_ on his project.
6. Cameron and Mitchell \_\_\_\_\_ about everything.
7. Jay had an \_\_\_\_\_ time at the party.
8. Manny would never \_\_\_\_\_ his mother.
9. Lily ate the banana even though it was still \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Alex felt her teacher was being \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Add the Prefix



Fill in the charts by adding the prefix to the base word. If the prefix and base word do not make a real word, put an "X" in the box.

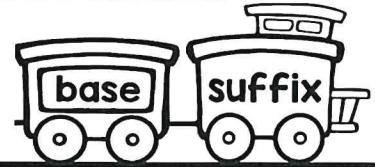
Base word	re-	mis-	un-	in-
1. match				
2. load				
3. take				
4. tied				
5. cut				
6. connect				
7. direct				
8. shape				

Base word	dis-	pre-	out-	over-
1. board				
2. load				
3. take				
4. count				
5. charge				
6. view				
7. qualify				
8. order				



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# Suffixes: -able -ment -ness



A suffix is a word part that is added to the end of a base word. A suffix usually changes the meaning of the word.

## Examples:

The suffix *-able* means "able to be"

The suffix *-ment* means "the act of"

The suffix *-ness* means "being"

pass + able = passable (able to pass)

move + ment = movement (the act of

moving) kind + ness = kindness (being kind)

Circle the correct suffix to go with each base word. Then use the new word in a sentence.

1. depend    -able    -ment    -ness    Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. sad    -able    -ment    -ness    Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. amaze    -able    -ment    -ness    Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. manage    -able    -ment    -ness    Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. soft    -able    -ment    -ness    Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

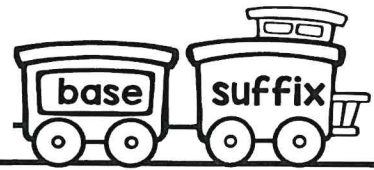
\_\_\_\_\_

6. accept    -able    -ment    -ness    Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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# Suffixes: Silent "e" Rule



Sometimes the base word must change when a suffix is added.

## Silent "e" Rule:

When a base word ends with a silent "e" and the suffix begins with a vowel, leave the "e" out.

## Examples:

like + ing = liking  
tame + able = tamable  
wide + est = widest

A. Underline the silent "e" in each base word. Then add the suffix in parentheses to make a new word. Be sure to apply the silent "e" rule!

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. ride (-ing) _____   | 5. ripe (-est) _____ |
| 2. rate (-ed) _____    | 6. joke (-er) _____  |
| 3. store (-able) _____ | 7. state (-ed) _____ |
| 4. fame (-ous) _____   | 8. tune (-ing) _____ |

B. Underline the silent "e" in each base word. Then add the suffix in parentheses to make a new word. Remember, you do not need to apply the silent "e" rule if the suffix begins with a consonant.

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. slide (-ing) _____  | 6. trade (-able) _____ |
| 2. pride (-ful) _____  | 7. cute (-ness) _____  |
| 3. take (-er) _____    | 8. blame (-less) _____ |
| 4. smoke (-less) _____ | 9. state (-ment) _____ |
| 5. place (-ed) _____   | 10. ice (-ing) _____   |

C. Write four more silent "e" words that end with the *-ing* suffix. You may not use any words from this page.

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

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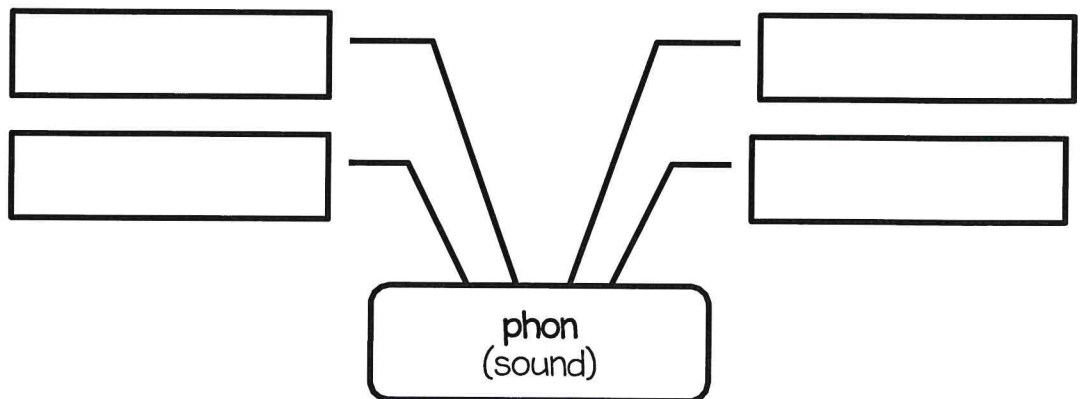
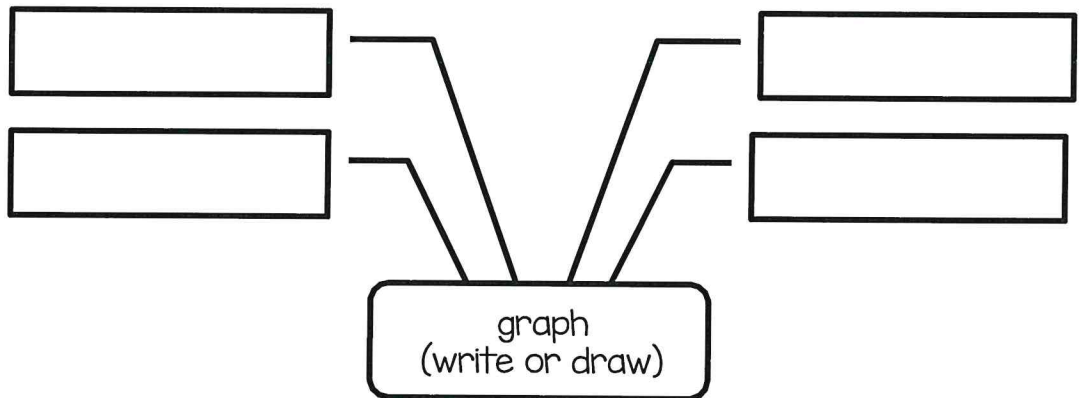
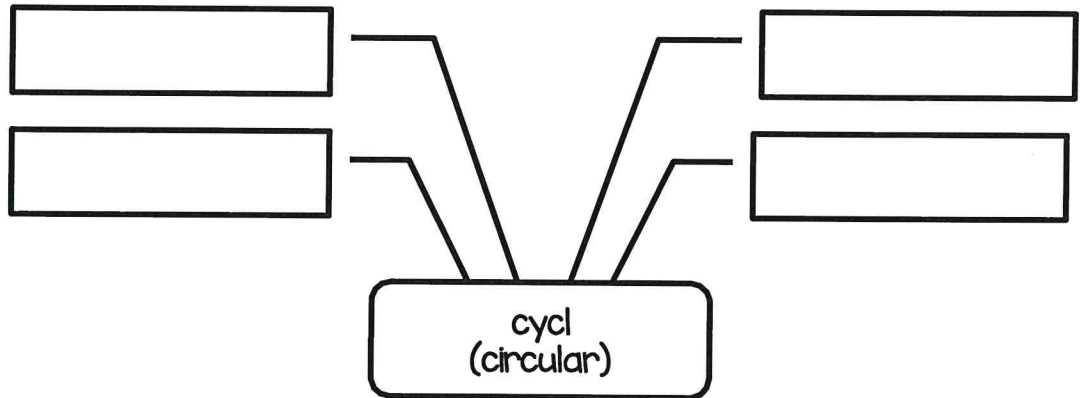
# What are word roots?

A word root is a word or word part that contains the basic meaning of the word. The meaning can be changed by combining two or more roots or by adding prefixes and suffixes. Knowing the meaning of roots can help you understand new words.



*Words grow from roots a little like a tree grows from roots.*

Complete each word tree by taking words with the correct roots from the box. Underline the root in each word.



autograph

bicycle

cyclone

graphite

microphone

paragraph

photograph

recycle

symphony

telephone

unicycle

xylophone



# Answer Keys

## Prefixes: dis- non- un-

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. unzip     | 6. unpleasant |
| 2. dishonest | 7. nonstop    |
| 3. nonfat    | 8. disrespect |
| 4. disagree  | 9. unfair     |
| 5. unripe    | 10. disobey   |

B.

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
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## Add the Prefix

Base word	re-	mis-	un-	in-
1. match	rematch	mismatch	x	x
2. load	reload	x	unload	x
3. take	retake	mistake	x	intake
4. tied	retied	x	untied	x
5. cut	x	x	uncut	x
6. connect	reconnect	misconnect	x	x
7. direct	redirect	misdirect	x	indirect
8. shape	reshape	x	x	x

Base word	dis-	pre-	out-	over-
9. board	x	x	outboard	overboard
10. load	x	preload	x	overload
11. take	x	x	outtake	overtake

**Suffixes: -able -ment -ness**

1. dependable

2. sadness

3. amazement

4. management

5. softness

6. acceptable

(sentences will vary)

**Suffixes: Silent "e" Rule**

A.

1. ridee riding

2. ratee rated

3. storee storable

4. famee famous

5. ripee ripest

6. jokee joker

7. statee stated

8. tunee tuning

B.

1. slidee sliding

2. pridee prideful

3. takee taker

4. smokee smokeless

5. placee placed

6. tradee tradable

7. cutee cuteness

8. blamee blameless

9. statee statement

10. icee icing

**What are Root Words?**

**cycle:** bicycle, cyclone, recycle, unicycle

**graph:** autograph, graphite, paragraph, photograph

**phon:** microphone, symphony, telephone, xylophone

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Newspaper Hunt

**DIRECTIONS:** Use newspapers to find words with prefixes.

Glue word HERE:	Write the <b>prefix</b> of the word HERE:	Write the <b>root</b> of the word HERE:	Write the meaning of the word HERE: (Use a dictionary if needed.)